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Administrative Information

Title:

Papers of Dean S. Gilliland, 1928-2013

Collection Identifier:

CFT00902

Creators:

Gilliland, Dean S.

Size:

14 Boxes

Repository:

David Allan Hubbard Library
Fuller Theological Seminary
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Pasadena, CA 91182
archives@fuller.edu

Provenance:

The gift of the Gilliland Family in 2003

Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:

Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law

Language:

English

Processing:

Adam Gossman

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Biography

Dean S. Gilliland (b. 1928 – d. 2013) taught in the Fuller Seminary School of World Mission from 1977 – 2011. His specializations included cross-cultural studies, contextualized theology, and African Studies. He earned his PhD at Hartford Seminary Foundation, and his articles have been published in journals such as “Missiology” and “Islamic Review”.

Gilliland began his career as a bush missionary in Nigeria in 1956. His experience and ability in speaking the Hausa language caused him to become the teacher for local evangelists and pastors at the mission school. In 1969, Gilliland taught at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, which taught seven missions and eight churches. In 1972, he became principal (president) of the college, serving until 1976. Gilliland returned to the United States, and joined the Fuller Seminary faculty within the School of World Mission. Dr. Gilliland retired in 2011 and passed away at the age of 84 in 2013.

Publications include:

“Folk Elements in Muslim Expressions of African Religion” in *Toward Respectful Understanding and Witness Among Muslims*, edited by Evelyne A. Reisacher, Pasadena, CA : William Carey Library, ©2012. Book Chapter.

“The Incarnation as Matrix for Appropriate Theology” in *Appropriate Christianity*, edited by Charles Kraft, Pasadena, Calif. : William Carey Library, ©2005. Book Chapter.

Co-editor with Charles Van Engen and Paul Pierson. *The Good News of the Kingdom: Mission Theology for the Third Millennium*. Eugene, Or. : Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1999, ©1998.

The World Forever Our Parish. Lexington, Ky. : Bristol Books, ©1991.

Editor. *The World Among Us: Contextualizing Theology for Mission Today*. Dallas : Word Pub., ©1989.

African Religion Meets Islam: Religious Change in Northern Nigeria. Lanham, MD : University Press of America, ©1986.

Pauline Theology and Mission Practice. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Book House, ©1983.

African Traditional Religion in Transition: The Influence of Islam on African Traditional Religion in North Nigeria. Hartford Seminary Foundation. 1971, ©1972. Dissertation.

Scope and Content

The Dean S. Gilliland collection includes class materials, conference materials, letters and correspondence. Materials are mostly unprocessed.

Subjects:

Christianity and culture

Cross-cultural studies

Islam

Missions

Fuller Theological Seminary

Mission Society for United Methodists

Samuel Zwemer Institute

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 14 boxes consisting of 5 series:

Series 1. Fuller Theological Seminary and Class Materials (Boxes 1- 2)

Series 2. Letters and Correspondence (Boxes 3-4)

Series 3. Conference Organizational Material, Notes, and Research Boxes (5-9)

Organizations including the Mission Society for United Methodists and the
Zwemer Institute

Series 4. Student Papers (Boxes 10-13)

Series 5. Miscellaneous (Box 14)