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Administrative Information

Title:

James Wm. McClendon Jr. Collection, 1947-2000

Collection Identifier:

CFT00909

Creators:

McClendon Jr., James Wm.

Size:

29 Boxes

Repository:

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Biography

Born in Louisiana in 1924, Systematic Theologian James McClendon (1924-2000) was raised and ordained in the Southern Baptist tradition. He taught theology for 46 years at a variety of public universities and theological seminaries. These included the University of San Francisco (where he was the first non-Catholic theologian in the U.S. to belong to a Catholic theology department), Stanford, Temple, Goucher, Notre Dame, St. Mary's Moraga, Baylor, and Fuller Theological Seminary. His pioneering *Biography as Theology: How Life Stories Can Remake Today's Theology* (Abingdon, 1974, Trinity Press, 1990) helped launch the narrative theology movement. He completed the last of his three-volume work in systematic theology: *Ethics* (1986), *Doctrine* (1994) and *Witness* just before his death in 2000.

Among Baptist scholars McClendon's theology was seen as offering an alternative to the intolerable choice between liberalism and fundamentalism. Within the Anabaptist tradition he is widely held to be one of the most eloquent voices for this perspective on ethics and theology.

Scope and Content

The James Wm. McClendon Jr Collection contains course materials, correspondence, writings, and other biographical material. Materials in this collection cover the majority of his life and career.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 29 boxes consisting of 6 series as follows:

Series 1: Courses and Course Material, Boxes 1-12

Series 2: Writings (Boxes 13-18)

Series 3: Topical Files (Boxes 19-20)

Series 4: Correspondence (Boxes 21-25)

Series 5: Journals and Biographical Material (Boxes 26-27)

Series 6: Miscellaneous (Boxes 28-29)

Box Inventory

Box 1	Courses McClendon Took
Box 2	Undated
Box 3	1954-1961
Box 4	1961-1965
Box 5	1965-1968
Box 6	1969-1972
Box 7	1972-1975
Box 8	1975-1976
Box 9	1978-1979
Box 10	1979-1984
Box 11	1984-1987
Box 12	1987-2000
Box 13-18	Writings
Box 19-20	Topical Files
Box 21-25	Correspondence
Box 26-27	Journals and Biographical Material
Box 28-29	Miscellaneous