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Administrative Information

Title:
Papers of Paul E. Pierson

Collection Identifier:
CFT00903

Creators:
Pierson, Paul E.

Size:
8 Boxes, 34 Binders

Repository:
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English

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Biography

Dr. Paul Pierson (b. February 13, 1927 in Los Angeles, CA) is an American theologian; former Dean of Fuller Seminary’s School of World Mission (1980-1992); and associate provost (1992-1993). He specialized as the Professor of History of Mission and Latin American Studies from 1992-1997, and as a participating faculty member from 1980-2018. Dr. Pierson contributed as a teaching professor in the SIS Korean studies program, the History of Mission concentration, and the Perspectives on World Mission courses.

Dr. Pierson served in the US Navy from 1945-1946 as an electronic technician, 3/c. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a BX in Chemical Engineering in 1949. Dr. Pierson earned an MDiv (1954) and a PhD in Church History (1971) from Princeton Theological Seminary. He married Rosemary Lucksinger on July 2, 1950. They had four children.

Dr. Pierson was a missionary with the Presbyterian Church, living in Brazil (1955-1970) and Portugal (1970-1973). He planted two Presbyterian churches in Brazil and served as professor and president at Presbyterian Seminary of the North in the city of Recife. He also served on faculty at the Evangelical Seminary of Lisbon. In all, he taught and lectured in over 20 countries. Upon returning to the United States, Pierson pastored First Presbyterian Church of Fresno, California from 1973 to 1980. He has since served as interim pastor for three Los Angeles area churches, including the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Dr. Pierson is chair of the board of the Latin American Mission and also of the Overseas Crusades, and participated on the boards of World Impact, Air Serve, Christ for the City, and other mission organizations.

Throughout his career, Dr. Pierson has been appreciated for his active recruitment and encouragement of international students in the School of Intercultural Studies. Fuller Seminary honored his work by creating a namesake endowed chair and scholarship. Missiological Education for the 21st Century: The Book, the Circle, and the Sandals: Essays in Honor of Paul E. Pierson (edited by J. Dudley Woodberry, Charles Van Engen, and Edgar J. Elliston, 1996) and the Paul Pierson Center for Global Mission at the South American Theological Seminary, Londrina, Brazil, also pay tribute to his service.

Publications include:


Scope and Content

The Papers of Paul E. Pierson consists of materials from Dr. Pierson’s later years at Fuller Theological Seminary, circa 2000-2009. The collection included a selection of his class materials, writings, and research material. Many student papers, submitted to Dr. Pierson during his professorship, are included. Dr. Pierson’s areas of expertise include evangelical church in Latin America, history of the Christian missionary movement, history of evangelical awakenings, and new patterns in mission.

Subjects:
Evangelistic work
Missions—history
Pentecostalism
Fuller Theological Seminary
Africa
Asia
Latin America
Nigeria
Arrangement

The rest of the collection is currently organized into 6 Series, as follows:

Series I: Files, Class Materials, and Writings, Boxes 1-2
Series II: Research Materials, Box 3
Series III: Student Papers, Boxes 4-5
Series IV: Personal and Miscellaneous, Boxes 6-8
Series V: Various Topics, 34 binders, a total of 6 cubic feet

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