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Summary Information

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Historical Note

English classes have been taught at Michigan State University since 1857 when classes began. The Department of English has had many names over the years: Department of English Literature (1857-1880), Department of English Language and Literature (1880-1891), Department of English and Modern Languages (1891-1932), English Language and Speech (1932-1937), and English Department (1937-1944). In 1944, the School of Science and Arts

was created and consisted of four divisions with various departments under them. The Division of Language and Literature contained the English Department. In 1963, the School of Science and Arts became the College of Arts and Letters and was reorganized eliminating the divisions but keeping the various departments. The English department continues to be administered by the college today.

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Scope and Contents

The records contain department newsletters, brochures, and writing guides. Also included is "English as a Subversive Activity: An Unofficial Guide for English Majors at MSU," issues of the journal *Gypsy Scholar: a Graduate Forum for Literary Criticism*, "A Half Century Ago: Michigan in the Great Depression" Symposium Proceedings, a placement test for freshmen, and plagiarism policies. There are also photographs of English Department faculty and staff some of which are identified. Annual reports can also be found in the collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Depressions -- 1929 -- United States
- English language -- Study and teaching
- English literature -- Study and teaching (Higher)
- Universities and colleges -- Faculty
- Annual reports
- Photographs
- Michigan State University. Department of English
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Collection Inventory

Papers		
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Bicentennial Summer Institute Mailing, 1975-1976	box 5613	folder 1
A Colloquy in Honor of John Henry Newman, 1990	box 5613	folder 2
D. & D. 308 Class Manual Revision, 1943	box 5613	folder 3
Department of English Telephone List, Fall 1968	box 5613	folder 4
Department of English Undergraduate and Graduate Program Brochures, Undated	box 5613	folder 5
"English as a Subversive Activity: An Unofficial Guide for English Majors at MSU" , 1972-1973	box 5613	folder 6
English Department Newsletter, Spring 2001	box 5613	folder 7
English Department Study Abroad Brochures, 1988, 1990, 1995	box 5613	folder 8
English Placement Test for Freshman, 1942	box 5613	folder 9

<i>The Gypsy Scholar</i>		
Vol. 1, Num. 1, Fall 1973	box 5613	folder 10
Vol. 4, Num.'s 2-3, 1977	box 5613	folder 11
Vol. 6, Num.'s 2-3, 1979	box 5613	folder 12
"A Half Century Ago: Michigan in the Great Depression," Symposium Proceedings, January 1980	box 5613	folder 13
Plagiarism Policies, Undated	box 5613	folder 14
The Preparation of the Long Investigative Paper, 1938	box 5613	folder 15
Principles of Grammar Defined and Illustrated, 1942	box 5613	folder 16
The Tattler, 2006-2007	box 5613	folder 17
"A Guide to Clear Writing" by William D. Baker, 1955	box 5613	folder 18
Preview - English Graduate Club publication, 1969-1970	box 5613	folder 19
Preview - English Graduate Club publication, 1970-1971, undated	box 5613	folder 20

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Photographs- MSU Department Collections

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English Department. Faculty and Staff	box UA Photo 49

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Serials

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