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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Harry Reno (R.) Hoppe was born in Spokane, Washington on December 1, 1906 to parents Reno Douglas Hoppe and Theresa Foster. Growing up in California, Hoppe received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California in 1929, followed by a Master of Arts in 1930 from the University of California, and another Master of Arts in 1933 from the University of London (Kings College). In 1932, while in the United Kingdom, Hoppe married Margaret Angwin who was also from California, and together they had two children Denis and Christine. Following his second Masters, Hoppe began working as an instructor of English at the University of California, Berkeley, holding the position from 1933-1934, until he moved to Montana State University, where he worked from 1934-1935. Following his position in Montana, Hoppe relocated to the University of Missouri, where he served as an Instructor of English from 1935-1939. Hoppe continued his own education, completing a Ph.D. in Elizabethan Literature from Cornell University in 1941, while also serving as an Instructor of English there from 1940-1942. In September of 1942, Hoppe was hired by the Michigan State College (now

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University) English Department as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in July 1947, and professor in July 1955. During his time at Michigan State, Hoppe served as chairperson for the MSU Rhodes Scholarship Committee, Chairman for the NDFL Fellowship Committee, Faculty Advisor for the Arab Students' Organization, vice president and president for the North Central Chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology, and faculty advisor for the International Club. Furthermore, Hoppe participated in numerous leaves of absence, the first from 1946-1947 when he served as an Appointed Advanced Fellow with the Belgian American Educational Foundation, researching in Belgium on English exile printers during the 17th century. His second leave of absence took place from 1950-1951 when he was appointed as a Fulbright Scholar for Belgium, researching English traveling actors in 17th century Belgium. Hoppe also served as a visiting professor at the University of Damascus in Syria from 1956-1957 as part of the International Education Exchange Service, and completed another leave of absence from 1959-1960, in which he researched and lectured in Malta and Belgium, and traveled to Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Holland, and England. Finally, Hoppe served as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Jordan in 1965, and completed his final sabbatical from July-December 1968 in Great Britain. Throughout his academic career, Hoppe was recognized as an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Pi Delta Phi. Furthermore, he was a member of the Modern Language Association of America, Bibliographical Society (London), Bibliographical Society of America, Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, Renaissance Society of America, Malone Society (Oxford), Michigan Academy, Newberry Renaissance Conference (member executive committee, 1955-1956), and Societe d'Histoire du Theatre (Paris). Hoppe continued to work at Michigan State until his retirement in 1974, and eventually passed away on November 30, 2001. (Source: Faculty Bio File UA 8.1.1, Box 1526, Folder 32)

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Scope and Contents

The Harry R. Hoppe papers include articles by Hoppe and organized alphabetically. The collection also contains "Beginnings," a book of poetry compiled by Michigan State University's first poetry course during the fall of 1961, dedicated to the study, criticism, and writing of modern poetry. Additionally, the collection includes a 1966-1967 "Directory of International Academic Interests and Experience" published by Michigan State University, with a section detailing Hoppe's travels; and an "English as a Subversive Activity: An Unofficial Guide for English Majors at Michigan State University" booklet for the 1972-1973 academic year.

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- Poetry -- Poetry
- Michigan State University. Department of English
- Michigan State University. International Programs

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Title/Description	Instances	
Articles Written by Harry R. Hoppe, A-G, 1933-1965, Undated	box FD	folder 1
Articles Written by Harry R. Hoppe, H-Z, 1933-1965, Undated	box FD	folder 2
"Beginnings," Michigan State University Poetry Book, 1961	box FD	folder 3
"Directory of International Academic Interests and Experience," Michigan State University, 1966-1967	box FD	folder 4
"English as a Subversive Activity: An Unofficial Guide for English Majors at Michigan State University" 1972-1973	box FD	folder 5