The papers of Lynn H. Parsons were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 2005 by Professor Parsons and opened for research in September of 2005.

Professor Lynn H. Parsons taught American history at Wayne State University from 1965 until 1971, when he resigned to take a job at SUNY Brockport. The papers in this collection consist of correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, a legal brief and newspaper clippings related to his grievance with the Wayne State History Department over its refusal to recommend him for tenure. His case, along with faculty layoffs in 1972, helped to build support for collective bargaining at the University, which resulted in the election of the American Association of University Professors as the union representing Wayne State faculty and academic staff. The files are arranged chronologically.

**Important subjects in the collection:**

Academic freedom  
American Association of University Professors  
Wayne State University--Department of History  
Wayne State University--Faculty

**Important correspondents in the collection:**

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1-9. Correspondence and reports, 1966-Jun 1971