



Guide to the Helen T. Suchara Papers WSP002138

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	Helen T. Suchara Papers
ID:	WSP002138
Date [inclusive]:	1937-2008
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet 1 SB
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English and Polish.
Abstract:	Helen T. Suchara was a professor at Wayne State University's College of Education from 1956 to 1981. During her time as a professor and even after her retirement, Helen served leadership positions for many different councils and committees, including the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, the University Council for Wayne State University, the Association of Childhood Education International, and many more. Helen wrote numerous publications, travelled overseas for teaching assignments, and served in the Peace Corps.

Citation Style

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History

Helen Theresa Suchara was born in Detroit on January 2nd, 1919. Helen earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Wayne State University. Her first teaching position in 1941 was at the Michigan State Sanatorium in Howell, Michigan. Helen then pursued her doctorate at Columbia University, and graduated in 1956 with a Doctorate in Teacher Education. While at Columbia University, Helen taught for three years along with teaching at Wheelock College in Boston. The intervening summers were spent teaching at the University of Delaware and the University of Virginia. After graduation, she moved back to Detroit and from 1956 until retirement in the early 1980s, she taught continuously at Wayne State University, where she was awarded a full professorship at the College of Education. From early in her career, election to leadership positions on campus and off campus followed. These leadership

positions included the University Council, the Graduate Council, the Association of Childhood Education International, the National Association of Teacher Education, the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, and the Board of Regents of Saginaw Valley State College. During her tenure at Wayne State University, Helen served as Director of the Office of Student Teaching, was a member of the college's board of visitors, she served on the College Faculty Council and the College Accreditation and Presidential Selection Committees. Helen advised both undergraduate and graduate students, including doctoral candidates. Following retirement from Wayne State University, she served as President of the International Institute and gave nine years of service to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Social Services of Wayne County. Helen wrote numerous publications, many of which appeared in the Association for Teacher Educators' bulletins and yearbooks, the Association for Childhood Education International monographs and journals, the Wayne State University Graduate Comment and Foreign Languages in Poland. Her travels throughout the United States, Europe and parts of Asia related to teaching assignments, lectures, professional workshops, seminars and conferences. The Association for Childhood Education International study conferences provided opportunities to travel to Washington D.C., twenty states, Europe and Asia. Membership and leadership roles in the Association for Student Teaching, now the Association for Teacher Educators, facilitated travel to twenty-two states and parts of Canada. Research in the teaching of languages and the preparation of teachers for teaching languages was done in Delaware, Michigan, Austria, England, France, West Germany, Italy and Poland. Because of her interest and involvement in exchange programs, she continued to serve on a regional selection committee for the International Exchange Programs of the United States Department of Education and to travel and lecture in that interest. Helen also served two years in the Peace Corps in Poland preparing teachers to teach English in Poland. Among her numerous honors and citations, Helen received the Wayne County Artistic Excellence and Community Commitment Award in November of 1994 and was selected as Member of the International Hall of Fame in 1995. In 2000 Helen received both the National Ladies Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award from the Orchard Lake Schools, and the Wayne State University Distinguished Alumna Award. Helen T. Suchara passed away on July 27th, 2017

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Scope and Content

This collection contains materials from 1937 to 2008 and includes awards, newsletters, publications, files, memos, reports and correspondences. Many of these records correspond to several councils and committees such as the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Wayne County Council for the Arts, the American Peace Corps, Institute on Cultural Awareness, Pacific Cultural Institute, International Institute, Wayne State University Exchange Program, Association for Childhood Education International, Friends of Polish Art, and Women of Wayne.

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Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection. Folders are listed chronologically by date.

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Acquisition

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Processing History

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

Other Copies

[Describe any digital or analog copies of collection materials and the location.]

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Related Materials

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Wayne State University College of Education Department of General Secondary Education Office of the Chairman Records.

Transfers

Twenty-two photographs and two cassette tapes are in the Audiovisual Department.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical Material, undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Correspondences; Wayne State University, 2007-2008	Box 1	Folder 2
Correspondences; Wayne State University, 2006	Box 1	Folder 3
General Files: Correspondences; Newsletters, 2005	Box 1	Folder 4
Awards; Correspondences; New Citizens; Publications 2000-2004 (1 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 5
Awards; Correspondences; New Citizens; Publications 2000-2004 (2 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 6
Correspondences; Committees; International Institute, 1995-1999	Box 1	Folder 7
Polish American Adoptions, 1997	Box 1	Folder 8
Wayne County Council for the Arts and Peace Corps, 1990-1994 (1 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 9
Wayne County Council for the Arts and Peace Corps, 1990-1994 (2 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 10
Institute on Cultural Awareness; Pacific Cultural Institute; International Institute; Wayne State University Exchange Program; Association for Childhood Education International, 1980-1989 (1 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 11

Institute on Cultural Awareness; Pacific Cultural Institute; International Institute; WSU Exchange Program; Association for Childhood Education International, 1980-1989 (2 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 12
Wayne State University, Jagiellonian University Exchange, 1979	Box 1	Folder 13
Radio Broadcasts; Friends of Polish Art; Women of Wayne; Association for Childhood Education International, 1976-1979	Box 1	Folder 14
Christmas the Polish Way; Association for Childhood Education International, 1973-1977	Box 1	Folder 15
Detroit Public Schools and Wayne State University, 1970	Box 1	Folder 16
Education: Wayne State University; Detroit Public Schools; Michigan Schools, 1960-1969	Box 1	Folder 17
Wayne State University; Association for Childhood Education International; Association of Student Teaching, 1960-1969 (1 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 18
Wayne State University; Association for Childhood Education International; Association of Student Teaching, 1960-1969 (2 of 2)	Box 1	Folder 19
Ph.D. Program; International Institute; Association for Childhood Education International, 1950-1959	Box 1	Folder 20
Education, 1940-1949	Box 1	Folder 21
Education, 1937-1939	Box 1	Folder 22