

Merrill-Palmer Institute: Dr. Francis H. Palmer Records

2.25 linear feet (2 SB, 2 cassettes)

1978-1983 (bulk 1978-1981)

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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Accession Number: UR002123

Creator: Dr. Francis H. Palmer

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Two audiocassettes of Palmer’s speeches have been transferred to the Reuther’s Audio-Visual Department.

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

Abstract

Dr. Francis H. Palmer was president of Merrill-Palmer from 1978-1981, prior to which he worked at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He received his education at the University of Pittsburg, published widely, mainly on preschool and early educational child development and was very active in the Headstart program. Palmer's records reflect his emphasis on the psychology of preschool and elementary age children and his direction of institutional focus to research.

Important Subjects:

Child psychology

Child therapy

Community education—United States

Day care

Education—United States

Emotions in children—Study and teaching

Family services—United States

Higher education and state—United States

Human potential movement—Study and teaching

Preschool education

Urban youth—Education—United States

Important Names:

Palmer, Francis H.

Knapp, Pauline Park Wilson

Milliken, Mrs. William

Moore, Dr. Shirley

Zigler, Edward

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. Unboxed AV material (i.e. cassettes) are numbered sequentially by item.

Box 1

1. Merrill-Palmer Faculty Senate Participation/Dissension
2. Faculty Activities
- 3-4 Faculty Governance
5. Faculty Code (Revisions), 1979
6. Faculty and Administration Meetings, 1979-80
7. Tenure Committee
8. Students
9. Visitors
10. Dr. Shirley Moore Visit to Merrill-Palmer, 1979-1-28-29
11. Memos
12. Academic Vice President Search
13. Academic Vice President Search Nominations
14. Academic Vice President Search Candidate Replies
15. Academic President Candidate Visits
16. Research Proposals
17. Edward Zigler
18. University Cultural Center Association
- 19-20 University Cultural Center Association, Gullen
21. Boys Town Institute
22. Alicia Joy Techner Conference, 1978-10-14
23. Wayne State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
24. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
25. Family Resolution Center (FRC)
- 26-27 Social Science Research Council
28. Foundations
- 29-30 Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Box 2

- 1-3 McGregor Fund
4. Benson and Edith Ford Fund
5. Eleanor and Edsel Ford Fund
- 6-7 Ford Foundation
8. Exxon Education Foundation
9. The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation
10. William T. Grant Foundation
11. Kellogg Foundation
12. Knight Foundation
13. Power Foundation
14. Rockefeller Foundation
15. Milton Philashy

16. Skillman Foundation
17. Personal
18. Newspaper Clippings
- 19-21 Palmer Writings
22. Speeches
- 23-24 Subcommittee on Human Resources Headstart Program Hearing; Palmer Testimony
25. Correspondence; Dr. Thelma Semiear
26. Correspondence; Elizabeth White
27. Correspondence; Dr. Pauline Park Wilson Knapp
28. Correspondence, 1978
29. Correspondence; Harold Stevenson, Program in Child Development and Social Policy, University of Michigan
30. Correspondence; Mrs. William G. Milliken
31. Correspondence; White House Conference on Families, Joseph Califano, 1979
32. Correspondence; Professor Irving Lazar
33. Palmer, F. H. Resignation

Audio Cassette Tapes

1. Introduction to the Community, 1978-12-13
2. International Institute Speech, 1979-6-25