

Merrill-Palmer Institute: Dr. Esther McGinnis Records

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Abstract

Dr. Esther McGinnis was the Director of the Merrill-Palmer Institute from 1947-1951. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Director in the 1930s, McGinnis was a professor of Family Life at the Child Welfare Institute at the University of Minnesota and at State Teaching College at Columbia University. Throughout her career at Merrill-Palmer she did consulting work for other universities as well as government committees. Dr. McGinnis' records span her career both before and during her time at Merrill-Palmer and reflect her varied activities and committee work, as well as both professional and personal contacts.

Important Subjects:

Education—United States
Family services—United States
Home Economics—Study and teaching
Homemakers—United States
National morale
Urban youth—Education—United States
Wartime education

Important Names:

Frank, Lawrence Kelso

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.

Box 1

- 1-2 McGinnis Personal
3. Esther McGinnis Correspondence, 1936-38
4. McGinnis, Esther, Assistant Director Correspondence, 1935-48
5. Lindeman, Edward Correspondence, 1937, 1945-47
6. McGinnis, Esther Correspondence re: The Family, 1946
7. McGinnis, Esther; Publications, Papers and Correspondence, 1947-50
8. McGinnis, Esther Correspondence, 1948
9. McGinnis, Esther, Staff Correspondence, 1948-49
10. McGinnis, Esther Correspondence, 1948-49
11. McGinnis, Esther Correspondence, 1949
12. Personnel Correspondence, 1949-50
13. McGinnis Correspondence, 1950
14. Parent Education Correspondence, 1950
15. Letters to Staff to Dr. McGinnis and from Dr. McGinnis, 1950
16. Personal Letters from Dr. McGinnis to Others, 1950
17. Mr. Lawrence Frank Correspondence, 1950
18. Grant Foundation Correspondence, 1950-51
19. Colleges and Universities Correspondence, 1950
20. Michigan Societies, Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1950
21. McGinnis, Esther Personal Correspondence, 1950-51
- 22-23 McGinnis, Esther, Director, Correspondence, 1950-51
24. Communications with Merrill-Palmer Boards, 1951
25. Recommendations, 1951
26. Memos to Merrill-Palmer School Staff, 1951
27. Letters to Dr, McGinnis as A Person, 1951
28. McGinnis, Esther. Director, Correspondence, 1951
- 29-30 McGinnis, Esther Correspondence, 1951
31. Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1947-51
32. McGinnis, Esther, Education for Family Life, 1945
33. McGinnis, Esther, Living With Children, 1943
34. Family Life Workshop, 1951
35. Meetings, 1947-50
36. General Conference, 1936-41
37. Family Budget Council
38. Staff Roster, 1920-1960
39. Camp, 1944-49
40. Fellowships

Box 2

- 1-2 Committees, 1945-50
3. General Conference Committee

4. Social Sciences Research Committee, 1950
- 5-8 Committee on National Morale, 1941
9. American Home Economics Association, 1944-51
10. American Home Economics Association, 1945-48
11. Michigan Psychological Association, 1946-47
12. Detroit and Wayne County Organizations
13. Organizations
14. Colleges and Universities, 1947-50
15. Teacher's College, Columbia University, 1935
- 16-19 Ohio State, 1941-47
20. Reports, 1940-51
21. Report: Older Children's Department-Clubs, 1950-51
22. Report: Family Life Department, 1950-51
23. Report: Early Childhood, 1950-51
24. Report: Health Services, 1952
25. Report: "The Merrill-Palmer School and Its Work"
26. Merrill-Palmer 5 Year Plan