

MATTHEWS, WILLIAM I., 1924-1984.

Papers of William I. Matthews

Dates: 1951-1982

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Donor: Department of Political Science

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Description: 5.0 cubic feet

Biographical Sketch

William I. Matthews was a member of the Political Science faculty at Indiana State University from 1964 until his death on August 21, 1984. Born in Chicago, Illinois on October 18, 1924, he began his education in Lake Bluff, Illinois. Upon completion of high school in Middletown, New Jersey, he attended Lafayette College from 1941-1943, attaining Phi Beta Kappa status.

He received a LL.B. degree from Columbia Law School in 1946. After practicing law for a short time he returned to Columbia and graduated with an M.A. in Government in 1951. He then embarked upon a teaching career that took him to the University of Massachusetts (1951-1953), Rutgers University (1953-1954), Valparaiso University (1954-1955), Drake University (1955-1961) and the University of Vermont (1962-1964).

He began his tenure at Indiana State University in 1964. For the next twenty years he taught courses in Political Science, Judicial Process, Women and Law, and Constitutional Law. He also served as advisor and consultant to prelaw students.

His colleagues recall his love of teaching and the university. The Blue Key Honor Society rewarded him for his work and dedication by awarding him an Excellence in Teaching Certificate in 1980.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in the William I. Matthews Collection were drawn from those papers left in his office upon his sudden death. The materials were donated to the University Archives by the Department of Political Science.

With the exception of a copy of Matthews' Masters Thesis, the collection is comprised of materials accumulated to support his research and teaching duties. These include course syllabi, bibliographic collections, and primary research notes related to courses.

Processing Note

Little sense of original order remained by the time Professor Matthews' materials reached the University Archives. Though some material suggests that Professor Matthews maintained an arrangement scheme of his own design, such documentation was incomplete and it was therefore decided to arrange files alphabetically.

Dr. Matthews' handwriting was quite illegible. Therefore, handwritten notes and commentary were removed from the files, as were random clippings and miscellany.

Series Description and Container Inventory

Masters Thesis

(Box 1)

A typescript draft of Professor Matthews' Masters Thesis entitled, Justice Holmes and the Federal System, the Course of Some Dissents, which was accepted by Columbia University in 1951.

Instructional Materials, ca. 1964-1982

(Box 1 and 2)

The series is comprised of course syllabi, bibliographies and lecture notes used by Matthews in support of his courses. The lecture outline materials are arranged alphabetically by subject, the bibliographies alphabetically by author, and remaining individual files arranged alphabetically. A partial inventory of these materials includes:

Subject Bibliographies:

Volume I

History
Formation
Law
Judicial Review
Separation of Power
Federalism

Volume II

Civil Rights
Criminal Procedure
Equality
Assembly
Religion
Business Law

Syllabi:

General Political Science and Law
Legal Aspects of School Administration
Introduction to Political Science

Lecture Outlines:

Courts
Judicial Procedure

Research Materials

(Box 3, 4 and 5)

Matthews maintained extensive research files as supplements to his teaching materials; such files comprise this series. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject. When it is apparent that files were grouped under broad subject headings they have been kept together, regardless of alphabetical order. An example of this would be the Fascism grouping which includes files on Nazis and Nazism. A partial inventory of this material include:

Abuse of Power	Galileo	Obscenity
Anarchism	Government	
Capitalism	Hiss	Pervasive Themes
Church and State	Historical School	Philosophical School
Civil Rights		Politics
Common Law	Ideology	Power
Communism		Religion
Constitutionalism	Judicial	Rules of Contest
Constitutional Law	Judicial Review	
Democracy	Law	Search and Seizure
Evidence	Legal Profession	Separation of Power
Fascism	Man and Society	Socialism
Federalism	Marxism	Sociological School
Free Speech	Natural Law	Supreme Court
		Trial
		Welfare
		Wiretap and Bugging

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