

David Whittaker fonds

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Fonds Description

David Whittaker fonds. – 1961-1992; predominant 1961-1971.
87.5 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

David Whittaker attended the University of British Columbia for his bachelor's degree, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Education. He obtained his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, where he conducted psychological research with the Center for Research Development in Higher Education (CRDHE). During his time at UC Berkeley, Whittaker and other researchers carried out extensive questionnaires, interviews, and studies involving the Free Speech Movement and the associated nonstudent and "fringe" populations at Berkeley. Whittaker completed his thesis in 1967, and in 1968 became the co-coordinator of the CRDHE.

In 1971, he left UC Berkeley along with his wife, Elvi Whittaker, and was employed at the University of Hawaii as the chairman of Educational Psychology in 1973. He became a visiting lecturer at UBC at the start of the 1975-76 school year, working in the School of Education's Department of Educational Psychology. The following year he was named an associate professor, and taught in Educational Psychology until his retirement in 1997. His research while at UBC also focused on students in higher education, and included analysis of student's personality profiles and studies of multicultural policies and international and exchange students. In 1997, Whittaker was named Associate Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology and Special Education.

Custodial History

Material was in the possession of David Whittaker's wife, Elvi Whittaker, who donated her husband's records along with an accrual to her existing fonds.

Scope and Content

The majority of the material in this fonds relates to the research conducted by Whittaker while at UC Berkeley. This work includes studies of members of the Free Speech Movement, a series of student protests and acts of civil disobedience that took place during the 1964-65 school year. Other research focuses on profiling the nonstudent population at Berkeley circa 1965, as well as students cited as a result of protests and demonstrations in 1966. Research material includes survey and questionnaire drafts and responses, as well as notes, coding, and calculations. In addition to his research material, this fonds includes some drafts of papers published and/or presented by Whittaker, as well as correspondence with publishers and collaborators. Also included is a collection of annotated clippings, articles, and publications documenting and

analyzing student activism throughout the 1960s and 70s, as well as some general professional correspondence and copies of papers presented at conferences throughout his career.

Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of fonds.

Series Descriptions

Free Speech Movement study. – 1964-1970.

9 cm of textual records.

This series contains research data and notes, codebooks, and clippings related to a study conducted by William A. Watts and David Whittaker of students involved in the 1964 Free Speech Movement. Also included is correspondence and drafts from the resulting paper authored by Watts and Whittaker and published in 1966: "Some Socio-Psychological Differences Between Highly-Committed Members of the Free Speech Movement and the Student Population at Berkeley".

Non-student study (Phase I). – 1961-1971.

46.5 cm of textual records.

This series consists primary of research material for the first phase of Whittaker's study of non-students at Berkeley. Material includes questionnaire drafts and results, codebooks and tables, notes, and correspondence. Also included are proposals and drafts for a 1967 paper co-authored with Watts titled "Psychological Needs and Nonconformity." A note with the received files indicates that some open-ended question results and analysis (questions 12, 15-16, 19-23) have been removed and filed with his Phase II material, most of which is not currently in the possession of University Archives.

Thesis (Phase II). – 1967.

5.5 cm of textual records.

This subseries includes proposals, tables, drafts, and a final bound copy of Whittaker's 1967 PhD thesis: "Psychological Characteristics of Alienated, Nonconformist, College-Age Youth as Indicated by AVL, OPI, ACL, and SVIB M/W Group Profiles." In his thesis, Whittaker indicates that his analysis is a continuation of the initial non-student research and published paper authored in collaboration with Watts.

Cited student questionnaires. – 1966-1967.

12.5 cm of textual records.

This series contains material related to a 1967 questionnaire for UC Berkeley students who had received citations for illegal use of sound equipment at a 1966 student strike and demonstration. Research material includes questionnaires, code sheets, and notes; also included are clippings documenting the strike and posters from striking student groups.

Student activism coverage. – 1965-1980.

15.5 cm of textual records.

This series includes annotated newspaper and magazine articles, clippings, and academic publications collected by Whittaker that relate to student activism in the 1960s and 1970s.

Correspondence and Conferences. – 1963-1992.

4 cm of textual records.

This series includes general professional correspondence from throughout Whittaker's career, as well as feedback and responses for a 1970 senior questionnaire run by Whittaker at the CRDHE. Also included are copies of papers presented at various conferences, along with a name badge from a conference or event.

File List

BOX 1

FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT STUDY

- 1-1 FSM + NS research raw data etc. [n.d.]
- 1-2 FSM '64-5: FSM quest., anest list; FSM- X-sect. deck printouts, "code book," 1964-1965
- 1-3 Some FSM X section data including Ri-scoring; significant Ri scales (14 of the 27), 1965
- 1-4 FSM-XS cluster analysis on 13 religions + 27 Flex-Rigid (T-F) [n.d.]
- 1-5 Rigidity key [n.d.]
- 1-6 Rigidity references, FSM paper references [c. 1964]
- 1-7 FSM – X sect. paper / calculations + miscellaneous, 1964-1965
- 1-8 X-section – FSM paper / Hawaii stuff WPA / abstract / Flex-Rigid results, 1965
- 1-9 FSM paper – Heist's comments [c. 1966]
- 1-10 FSM – X section paper deletions etc., 1965
- 1-11 FSM paper, 1964-1966
- 1-12 FSM Mario Savio, 1966
- 1-13 FSM UC Daily Calif. publicity / also the 2 CSHE special reports previous to ours, 1966
- 1-14 "Berkeley: The Social Setting, A Beleaguered Community" – (circa 1965) M. Pestaner, 1968
- 1-15 FSM follow-up questionnaire – CSHE (UCB), 1967
- 1-16 FSM questionnaire, Knight Newspapers, June 1969 / our FSM follow up thinking, 1969
- 1-17 Detroit Free Press – Feb '70 FSM follow up, 1970

NON-STUDENT STUDY (PHASE I)

- 1-18 Non student – Phase I (SEARL) codebook fringe society study questionnaire [n.d.]
- 1-19 Non-student ST X2 tables used in revised form in report [n.d.]

BOX 2

- 2-1 XS males correlations, 6 tables [n.d.]
- 2-2 XS female correlations, 6 tables [n.d.]

- 2-3 NS self description via adj. opposites data [n.d.]
- 2-4 Source of items used on questionnaires also Somer's + Lyons questionnaire, 1964-1965
- 2-5 "Fringe" study (Phase I), 1965-1966
- 2-6 Beard, Book & Sandal proposal (Bohemian subcultural study) [c. 1965]
- 2-7 Sept '65 Esquire article on U.C. + fringe, 1965
- 2-8 Non-student anomie (S role) results [n.d.]
- 2-9 Non-student fringe culture – synopsis of approach + letter to Halsey, 1965-1966
- 2-10 NS flyer [n.d.]
- 2-11 NS feedbacks [n.d.]
- 2-12 NS questionnaire (master) Phase I, 1965
- 2-13 Non-student data – OPI results [n.d.]
- 2-14 Open end #1; #1-10a [c. 1965]
- 2-15 ACL manual, 1965-1971
- 2-16 Non-student study questionnaire codebook [n.d.]
- 2-17 6 digit identification code nos. [n.d.]
- 2-18 Clarification of N-S into 4 subgroups / X-S also / identification code [n.d.]
- 2-19 Original + carbon copies of personal descriptions of NS + XS [n.d.]
- 2-20 Response time recorded [n.d.]
- 2-21 Condition OPI + SVIB response for NS + XS [n.d.]
- 2-22 Misc. file on fringe study (1965 – Phase I) – names of participants, etc., 1965-1967
- 2-23 Non-student and X-S rigidity scores (recorded) / also response time + vocabulary scores

BOX 3

- 3-1 Non-student vocational choice [n.d.]
- 3-2 N-S vocabulary scores / X-S vocabulary scores recorded; Thorndike word list [n.d.]
- 3-3 Non-st. – student X^2 tables [n.d.]
- 3-4 Non-student – X sect (tables, summaries, non significant, etc.), 1966
- 3-5 NS [?] data AVL [n.d.]
- 3-6 N-S X-S religiosity scores (recorded) [n.d.]
- 3-7 7 values for X^2 / 3x2 tables [n.d.]
- 3-8 AVL manual etc [n.d.]
- 3-9 OPI form C manual; F_x material, 1966
- 3-10 Results OPI intellect. disposition classification [n.d.]
- 3-11 Non-student OPI → IDC results [n.d.]

- 3-12 Results OPI adjustment categorization, 1966
- 3-13 SVIB manual, 1968
- 3-14 NS data Strong VIB, 1965
- 3-15 F values for NS + XS (gen. analysis of variance) for OPI/SVIB [n.d.]
- 3-16 SVIB answer sheets – unused [n.d.]
- 3-17 [Kunk?] + Williams on SVIB
- 3-18 IDC via SVIB [c. 1965]
- 3-19 Weissman (+ Williams) intel. disp. via SVIB for non-students, 1965
- 3-20 Significant Z series on ACL (non-student)
- 3-21 Non-student data – ACL's [n.d.]
- 3-22 Marianna – Random sampling of certain open-ended items; drug write up [c. 1966]
- 3-23 Mae + female non-student and student intramulations on combinations of AVL, OPI, ACL and SVIB-M/W [n.d.]
- 3-24 NS male correlations (6 tables) [n.d.]
- 3-25 XS female correlations (6 tables) [n.d.]
- 3-26 Student – Non-st. X^2 tables [n.d.]

BOX 4

- 4-1 Open end #2 ; #11-18 [c. 1965]
- 4-2 Open end #3 ; #19-25 [c. 1965]
- 4-3 Open end #4 ; #26-30 [c. 1965]
- 4-4 OE 4 % [c. 1966]
- 4-5 OE 5 % [c. 1966]
- 4-6 OE 6 %, 1966
- 4-7 OE 7 %, 1966
- 4-8 OE 10 % [c. 1966]
- 4-9 OE 10A %, 1966
- 4-10 OE 11 % [c. 1966]
- 4-11 OE 13 % [c. 1966]
- 4-12 OE 14 % [c. 1966]
- 4-13 OE 17 %, 1966
- 4-14 OE 18 %, 1966
- 4-15 OE 24 %, 1966
- 4-16 OE 25% [c. 1966]
- 4-17 OE 26 %, 1966
- 4-18 OE 27 % [c. 1966]
- 4-19 OE 28 % [c. 1966]
- 4-20 OE 29a + 29b %, 1966

- 4-21 OE 30 % [c. 1966]
- 4-22 Original corrected copy of Evian paper, 1966
- 4-23 Alienation + Activism paper (Watts, Lynch + Whittaker), 1966-1968

BOX 5

- 5-1 Lynch + Watts study, 1967

Thesis (Phase II) subseries

- 5-2 Thesis packets (Abstract → Tables + figures) [c. 1967]
- 5-3 Ph.D Thesis miscellaneous, 1966-1967
- 5-4 Thesis tables, figures + appendices, final form, originals + carbon copy
- 5-5 Psychological Characteristics of Alienated, Nonconformist, College-Age Youth as Indicated by AVL, OPI, ACL, and SVIB M/W Group Profiles, 1967. [Thesis]

CITED STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES SERIES

- 5-6 Cited student questionnaire, January 1967
- 5-7 Cited student questionnaire (Watts, Whittaker, Lynch), 1967-1969
- 5-8 Codebook and student activist questionnaire, 1967
- 5-9 74 cited students (their major + class) [c. 1967]
- 5-10 Cited student material (Dec 1966 strike) / description of cited student sample, 1966-1967
- 5-11 ACL profiles, cited st. ; male=20 female=13, 1967
- 5-12 NS, XS, CS ACL sig. contrasts [n.d.]
- 5-13 Cited St./XC questionnaires (Lynch) 1 [n.d.]

BOX 6

- 6-1 Cited St./XC questionnaires (Lynch) 2, 1967
- 6-2 Cited St./XC questionnaires (Lynch) 3 [n.d.]
- 6-3 Cited St./XC questionnaires (Lynch) 4 [n.d.]
- 6-4 Cited St./XC questionnaires (Lynch) 5 [n.d.]

STUDENT ACTIVISM COVERAGE SERIES

- 6-5 T22(a) student activism, 1965
- 6-6 T22(b) draft registers '65 / Stop the Draft '97, 1965-1967
- 6-7 T22(c) student activism, 1966
- 6-8 T22(d) student activism, 1967
- 6-9 T22(e) student activism, 1968-1969
- 6-10 T22(f) student activism, 1970-1980

BOX 7

- 7-1 T22(q) Political, student activism, + and – reactions, 1965-1990
- 7-2 R28 Political, 1967-1989
- 7-3 Student activism articles, 1965-1989 [3 folders]
- 7-4 Berkeley student strike, 1966-1967
- 7-5 Barbara Garson / Anita, Black, Karen etc, 1965-1967
- 7-6 Tay Sloan - Disaffiliates film [n.d.]
- 7-7 Charlie Brown Artman, 1965-1968
- 7-8 [Miscellaneous activism articles], 1966 [found loose]

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES SERIES

- 7-9 [Professional correspondence, contacts], 1963-1989
- 7-10 Response bias: Seniors quest. Comments, letters, refusals to respond, etc., 1970
- 7-11 Bill Watts memorium by Carol Apr. 80, 1973-1980
- 7-12 Papers presented at conferences, 1973-1992
- 7-13 [Name badge] [n.d.]