Papers of Dean S. Gilliland

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Biography/Administrative History
Dean S. Gilliland (b. 1928 – d. 2013) taught in the Fuller Seminary School of World Mission from 1977 – 2011. His specializations included cross-cultural studies, contextualized theology, and African Studies. He earned his PhD at Hartford Seminary Foundation, and his articles have been published in journals such as “Missiology” and “Islamic Review”. Gilliland began his career as a bush missionary in Nigeria in 1956. His experience and ability in speaking the Hausa language caused him to become the teacher for local evangelists and pastors at the mission school. In 1969, Gilliland taught at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, which taught seven missions and eight churches. In 1972, he became principal (president) of the college, serving until 1976. Gilliland returned to the United States, and joined the Fuller Seminary faculty within the School of World Mission. Dr. Gilliland retired in 2011 and passed away at the age of 84 in 2013.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection is organized into 14 boxes: Boxes 1-2: Fuller Theological Seminary and Class Materials; Boxes 3-4: Letters and Correspondence; Boxes 5-9: Conference Organizational Material, Notes, and Research Boxes -- Organizations including the Mission Society for United Methodists and the Zwemer Institute; Boxes 10-13: Student Papers; Box 14: Miscellaneous