Robert S. Densham Papers

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Records of artist Robert S. Densham Cal Poly Emeritus Professor, commercial artist, and former Cuesta College advisor. Collection is unprocessed and requires advance notice for research access.
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Acquisition Information
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Biography/Administrative History
Robert Stephen Densham, MFA was a professor of Art & Design at Cal Poly for over 25 years and served on the Graphic Design Vocational Education Advisory Committee at Cuesta College. He earned a BA in Fine arts at Cal State Long Beach in 1967 and began teaching at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1976. He earned an MFA at Cal State Long Beach in 1980 while teaching full-time at Cal Poly. His thesis, Posters and Drawings for the Theatre, is available at CSU Long Beach. He was appointed Associate Professor at Cal Poly after earning the MFA. He retired in 2002. After graduating with a BA he practiced freelance art in commercial graphics and worked in package design at Southern California Carton Company for almost a decade. His work also includes poster art, typography, and graphics for the San Luis Chamber Orchestra and Mothers for Peace. More about Densham is available at: http://www.denshamarts.com.

Scope and Content of Collection
Professional records, personal papers, illustrations, annotations, and works on paper created and collected by Robert S. Densham. Includes items used for exhibit in 2009 and additional sketchbooks.

Indexing Terms
Graphic Art
Commercial Art
Typography
Drawing
Graphic arts--United States--20th century
Packaging--Design--Pictorial works
San Luis Obispo
Long Beach

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