
Guide to the Virginia Judy Esterly Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Virginia Judy Esterly papers

Dates: 1900-1956

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Creator: Esterly, Virginia Judy, 1882-1946

Collection Size: 9.4 linear feet.

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Abstract: The Virginia Judy Esterly Papers contain correspondence, documents, newspaper clippings, periodicals, printed material, pamphlets, and ephemera that document Mrs. Esterly's varied interests in women. The items reflect her interest in domestic workers and household employment, and the national effort to organize these women into unions in the period between the First and Second World Wars. As a Scripps College faculty member and administrator, Mrs. Esterly's syllabi and lectures from her course on the American Home, and speeches made to students, can be found in the papers. Mrs. Esterly was instrumental in establishing the Ida Rust Macpherson Collection, the earliest major collection on women at any women's college in the United States.

Physical location: Please consult repository.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information

The Virginia Judy Esterly Papers were acquired after the death of Mrs. Esterly.

Processing Information

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Biography / Administrative History

Virginia Judy Esterly was born 25 April 1882, at Hillsboro, Oregon to Fredericka Bremer Kelly and Martin Judy. She married Ward Benjamin Esterly before she completed her studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and had two daughters, Josephine and Virginia. After the death of her husband, she proceeded to complete her studies at the University of California for her B.A. degree in 1923. From 1923 to 1930, she was Dean of Women at the University of Oregon. In 1923, she was Acting Dean of Women during the Summer Session of the University of California, and Dean of Women of the Summer Session in 1924. She completed work for her M.A. degree at the University of California in 1929 after a first-hand

study of the education of women in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland. She carried on further graduate study at both the University of Oregon and the University of Southern California. After leaving the University of Oregon, she moved to the community of La Jolla in San Diego, California and became president of the San Diego Y.W.C.A. in 1933.

In 1934, Mrs. Esterly was appointed Assistant to the President and Counselor on Human Relations at Scripps College, and served as secretary to the Board of Trustees. The duties of her position included teaching a course on the American Home, counseling students, and representing the college before a large public. During the war years, she assumed many extra duties and without complaint, relinquished the sabbatical leaves which were her due. She faithfully served the Scripps College community for 12 years.

Mrs. Esterly's interests were many sided. Her early experience as a teacher in China gave her an understanding of the peoples of the East and led to her active interest in the Oriental Studies Society of the Associated Colleges of Claremont, of which she was a director. She was also a member of the Educational Council of the Western Personnel Service, the Association of American Colleges and Universities of the Pacific Southwest, and the Southern Branch of the National Council of Family Relations. She was instrumental in creating the Fine Arts Foundation of Scripps College, and encouraged the work of the Scripps College Press. She also helped establish the Ida Rust Macpherson Collection, the earliest major collection on women at any women's college in the United States.

On 17 May 1946, Mrs. Esterly passed away a few hours after suffering a cerebral thrombosis. In her memory, the Virginia Judy Esterly awards were established in order to recognize Scripps College students who combine the qualities of good scholarship, effective service in student activities, and responsible citizenship.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Virginia Judy Esterly Papers contain correspondence, documents, newspaper clippings, periodicals, printed material, pamphlets, and ephemera. The newspaper clippings were photocopied and deaccessioned. Duplicate items were also deaccessioned. The material documenting Mrs. Esterly's efforts to establish the Ida Rust Macpherson Collection can be found in the Mrs. Esterly's Files box and Early Files box in the Macpherson Collection.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into six series:

Series 1: Biographical Material, 1934-1950

Series 2: Teaching Material, 1931-1947

Series 3: Speeches and Writings, 1930-1946

Series 4: Topical Files, 1917-1952

Series 5: Research Files, 1900-1956

Series 6: Printed Material, 1918-1945

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Esterly, Virginia Judy, 1882-1946

Nicholson, Gene

Scripps College

Women -- Societies and clubs

Women and war

Women college administrators

Women employees -- United States

Genres and Forms of Materials

Correspondence

Manuscripts

Microfilms

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Pamphlets

Periodicals

Photographs

Drawer : Folder 1 : 1-2	Series 1: Biographical Material, 1934-1950 Physical Description: 2 folders.
Drawer : Folder 1 : 1	Virginia Judy Esterly -- Book List and Birthday Commemoration, 1946-1950
Drawer : Folder 1 : 2	Virginia Judy Esterly -- In Memoriam, 1934-1946 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 3-19	Series 2: Teaching Material, 1931-1947 Physical Description: 17 folders.
Drawer : Folder 1 : 3	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Syllabus, 1944-1945
Drawer : Folder 1 : 4	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- The Primitive Family, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 5	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- The Family in Ancient Civilization, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 6	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Transition and the Rise of the Patriarchal Family, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 7	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- The Effect of Christianity on Marriage, 1939 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 8	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Middle Ages and Renaissance, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 9	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- European Background on the American Family, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 10	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- History of the American Family, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 11	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Newspaper Clipping and Notes, 1931-1932 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 12	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Notes and Drafts, 1945-1946 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 13	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Poems by Margaret Grey Johnson, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 14	Course -- American Home (The Family) -- Student Papers, 1935-1936 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 15	Scripps College -- Calendars, 1942-1943
Drawer : Folder 1 : 16	Scripps College -- Calendars, 1945-1946
Drawer : Folder 1 : 17	Scripps College -- Dating Surveys, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 18	Scripps College -- Guidance, 1937 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 19	Scripps College -- Vocations, 1942-1947 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 20 - 2 : 10	Series 3: Speeches and Writings, 1930-1946 Physical Description: 31 folders.
Drawer : Folder 1 : 20	Housing Project -- Student Paper -- "Housing Problems of Claremont," 1942
Drawer : Folder 1 : 21	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Table of Contents and Bibliography, 1939 and undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 22	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Part 1- Emancipation -- Introduction, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 23	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 1 - The Woman State, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 24	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 2 - Women of the Ancient Civilizations, undated

Drawer : Folder 1 : 25	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 3 - The Influence of Early Christianity, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 26	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 4 - Women of the Middle Ages, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 27	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 5 - The Women of the Renaissance, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 28	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 6 - Women of the Salons, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 29	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 7 - Seeds of Revolt, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 30	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 8 - The Feminist Movement, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 31	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Part 2 - Work and Education -- Chapter 9 - The Nature of Women, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 32	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 10 - Women at Work, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 33	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 11 - The Great Women's Professions, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 34	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 12 - The Effect of Feminism on Higher Education, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 35	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapter 13 - Nous Verrons, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 36	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Correspondence, 1935
Drawer : Folder 1 : 37	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Notes - Folder 1, undated
Drawer : Folder 1 : 38	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Notes - Folder 2, undated
Drawer 2	Manuscript -- History of Women's Education -- "I Am a Person" -- Chapters 1-13, undated
Drawer 2	Microfilm Copy -- Master's Thesis -- Graduate Division, University of California -- "The Higher Education of Women in Denmark" by Virginia Judy Esterly, 1930
Drawer : Folder 2 : 1	Speeches, 1933-1934 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 2	Speeches, 1936-1944 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 3	Speeches -- "A Woman Speaks of Ergs" and Other Speeches, 1940 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 4	Speeches -- Commencement Speech -- "Things Ahead," 1939
Drawer : Folder 2 : 5	Speeches -- Freshman Speeches and Student Handbook, 1941-1946
Drawer : Folder 2 : 6	Speeches -- "The Importance of Art in Living" and Letter to the Editor, undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 7	Speeches -- "The New Feminism in Education," 1935 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 8	Speeches -- "Trends in the Teaching of Sociology" and Pomona College Magazine, 1934 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 9	Speeches -- Women's History and the Equal Rights Amendment, 1944 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 10	Speeches -- Vespers, 1935-1937 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 11 - 3 : 29	Series 4: Topical Files, 1917-1952 Physical Description: 40 folders.
Drawer : Folder 2 : 11	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Arguments, 1937-1941 and undated

Drawer : Folder 2 : 12	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Baldwin, Hugh, 1917 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 13	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Bibliography, 1933-1939 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 14	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Bulletin of the Women's Bureau, 1932-1944
Drawer : Folder 2 : 15	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Clubs, 1931-1943 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 16	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Clubs, Household Employees Programs, Conferences, 1936-1942 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 17	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Conditions, 1937-1941 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 18	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Domestic Service, 1935-1937 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 19	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Household Employees Handbook, 1939
Drawer : Folder 2 : 20	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Household Employment -- Books, 1936-1938
Drawer : Folder 2 : 21	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Household Employment -- Papers, 1937-1940 and undated
Drawer : Folder 2 : 22	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Industrial Welfare Commission, 1941-1943 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 1	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Legislation -- Bill File, 1917-1941 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 2	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Legislation -- Legislature, 1939-1941 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 3	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Letters, 1933-1935 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 4	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Letters, 1936-1940 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 5	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Letters -- Carbon, 1933-1937 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 6	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Letters -- Domestic Legislation, 1934-1938 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 7	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Minimum Wage and Workmen's Compensation Laws, 1920-1950
Drawer : Folder 3 : 8	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Nicholson, Gene -- Outlines and Notes, 1934-1937 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 9	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Nicholson, Gene -- Outlines and Notes, 1939-1941 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 10	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Nicholson, Gene -- Outlines and Notes, undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 11	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Periodicals, 1934-1942
Drawer : Folder 3 : 12	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Printed Material -- Various Schools, 1928-1948 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 13	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Questionnaires, 1933-1939 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 14	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Statistics, 1930-1938 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 15	Women -- Domestic Employment -- Y.W.C.A., 1938-1939
Drawer : Folder 3 : 16	Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- Armed Services Opportunities for Women, 1942-1952 and undated
Drawer : Folder 3 : 17	Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- Needs and Opportunities in the Defense Effort, 1941-1945
Drawer : Folder 3 : 18	Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- Pamphlets, 1941-1944 and undated

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- Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- Periodicals, 1941-1944**
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 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- The Role of Women's Colleges in the National Emergency, 1940-1941**
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 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- War Minors and Courses of Study, 1942 and undated**
21
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Colleges and the War -- War Speeches and Notes by Virginia Judy Esterly, 1941-1945 and undated**
22
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Libraries and National Defense, 1940-1942 and undated**
23
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Pre-War: Peace Movement and European Aid, 1912-1946 and undated**
24
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Scripps College and the War -- Committee on College Women and the War; 9th Service Reports and Correspondence, 1941-1944 and undated**
25
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Scripps College and the War -- Courses; Students in the Armed Forces, 1942-1945 and undated**
26
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Scripps College and the War -- Defense Committee; Activities, 1941-1945 and undated**
27
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Scripps College and the War -- "Scripps College and the War" by Virginia Judy Esterly, 1941-1944 and undated**
28
 - Drawer : Folder 3 : **Women and World War II -- Scripps College and the War -- War Programs of Various Colleges -- Questionnaires and Correspondence, 1944**
29
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Series 5: Research Files, 1900-1956**
1-21
Physical Description: 21 folders.
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Advice to Women, 1945 and undated**
1
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Children and the Law, 1939-1941 and undated**
2
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Family Nutrition and Family Expenditures in the United States, 1941-1942**
3
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Farm Family Record Book and Farm Secretarial Service Brochure, 1937-1941**
4
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Newspaper Clippings and Notes, 1900-1936 and undated**
5
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Newspaper Clippings, Notes, and Correspondence, 1939-1944 and undated**
6
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Hagen Conference, 1943**
7
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Poetry and Folk Stories, 1940 and undated**
8
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous -- Works on Religion, 1934-1943 and undated**
9
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Reports and Proposals -- Report of Progress Since the Formation of the Carnegie Plan, 1937 and undated**
10
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Biographies, 1937 and undated**
11
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Emancipation of Women and Equal Rights Amendment, 1936-1956 and undated**
12
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Household Employment -- Correspondence, 1934**
13
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Inter-American Commission of Women, 1937-1940 and undated**
14
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Newspaper Clippings -- International Women, 1936-1938 and undated**
15
 - Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Newspaper Clippings -- Noted Women and Women's Issues, 1927-1938 and undated**
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- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Newspaper Clippings -- Politics and Laws, 1936-1938 and undated**
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- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Newspaper Clippings -- Women, 1936-1938 and undated**
18
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Women and Work, 1946**
19
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- Women's History and Education, 1936-1940 and undated**
20
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Women's Interests -- World Center for Women's Archives, 1938-1940 and undated**
21
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Series 6: Printed Material, 1918-1945**
22 - 5 : **Physical Description: 17 folders and 1 drawer?**
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Governmental Publications -- United States Department of Labor and United States Council of National Defense, 1920-1943**
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- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Improvement of Study Habits by Edward S. Jones, 1945**
23
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Marriage and Careers by Virginia MacMakin Collier, 1926**
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- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous Publications -- Collegiate Education for Women, 1918-1934 and undated**
25
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous Publications -- Collegiate Education for Women, 1935-1943 and undated**
26
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Miscellaneous Publications -- Political Economy, Women in Leadership, Employment, and Delinquent Girls, 1927-1938**
27
- Drawer : Folder 4 : **Their Blood is Strong by John Steinbeck, 1938**
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- Drawer 5 **U.S. Department of Labor -- Bulletin of the Women's Bureau, 1921-1945**
- Drawer 5 **U.S. Department of Labor -- Women's Bureau -- The Woman Worker, 1938-1942**