

Dody H. Donnelly Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Dody H. Donnelly papers

Dates: 1930-2007

Collection number: GTU 2009-8-02

Creator: Donnelly, Dody H.

Collection Size: 5 linear feet (4 archive record boxes and three cassette boxes),online: 3 images, 1 lecture, 2 articles, 1 poem

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Abstract: Manuscript and audio visual collection of Dody H. Donnelly (June 29, 1920 - 2013), a professor at several seminaries within Graduate Theological Union and Catholic leader in women's rights, organization and prison reform. In 1971 she became the first full time woman professor at Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and Graduate Theological Union.

Physical location: 7/E/1-2

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information

Dody H. Donnelly donated 8 boxes of materials on August 24 and 26, 2009.

Biography / Administrative History

"The essence of being human is learning how to love," she said. "Prayer is a relationship, a love affair...Change your image of God to God as lover. God is in the act of constant seduction--we are in the act of constant resistance." (quoted in Mark I. Pinsky, "For an Ex-Nun, a 'Radical' Approach to Sex and Spirituality," *Los Angeles Times*, October 19, 1985, Part II, 15.)

Dody [Dorothy] H. Donnelly (June 29, 1920 -) became the first full time woman professor at Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and Graduate Theological Union in 1971. She served as professor at several seminaries within Graduate Theological Union and was a Catholic leader in women's rights, world tourism, organization and prison reform.

Donnelly grew up in San Francisco where she attended Corpus Christi (grade) School and Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires (secondary school). After graduation in 1938, she joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange as Sister Gertrude Joseph Donnelly. She received an AB in English Literature, Dominican College of San Raphael (1950); MA and Ph.D. in the classics, Catholic University of America (1962); Fullbright Scholarship, American Academy, Rome, Italy (1962); and Th.D., Pacific School of Religion (1973). In 1968, she received considerable press as the first Catholic nun to live on campus at a Protestant seminary.

In 1971, while working towards her Th.D. at Pacific School of Religion, she became a full time professor at Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. She later taught at San Francisco Theological Seminary, Starr King School for the Ministry, Pacific School of Religion, Holy Names University and the Fromm Institute. She served as director of a Lilly Foundation grant for Religious Formation at PSR. During the eighties, she left the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange but continued as an associate with the order.

Donnelly served as consultant to pastoral and educational organizations concerned with program design and team building. She led retreats and workshops, as she writes, "with a focus on ecological theology and a cosmic, earth centered spirituality." She was active in Amnesty International, Center for Responsible Tourism and training those who help train and teach prisoners. She was a founding member of Broken Bud, an organization fighting child prostitution in World Tourism. She became particularly interested in Western mysticism during the later part of her career.

Her books include *Radical Love-An Approach to Sexual Spirituality* (1986), *Team: Theory and Practice of Team Ministry* (1977), *Sister Apostle* (1964), *St. Thomas More's Responsio ad Lutherum* -Introduction and translation from the Latin (1962), and *How* (1960).

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection contains Dody H. Donnelly's articles and course and workshop related materials: outlines, handouts, audiotapes and videos.

Arrangement

Collection arranged as Series 1, Biographical; Series 2, Writings and Drawings; Series 3, Courses and workshops; Series 4, Subjects; Series 5, Audiocassettes; and Series 6, Videos.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Sex--Religious aspects--Christianity.
Monastic and religious life of women.
Women in church work.
Group ministry.
Women seminarians--California--San Francisco Bay Area.
Faculty--Theological seminaries.
Women and religion.
Theology--Study and teaching.
Mysticism.
Imprisonment--Religious aspects--Christianity.
Donnelly, Dody H.
Donnelly, Dorothy H.
Donnelly, Gertrude Joseph
Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange
Center for Responsible Tourism

box 1:1 - 1:4

Series 1. **Biographical 1930-2007**

Physical Description: 4 folders

box-folder 1: 1

Vita 1930-2000

box-folder 1: 2

Newspaper and journal clippings 1970-1985

box-folder 1: 3

Correspondence 1961-2007

box-folder 1: 4

Zion Music, Dr. Donnelly's Millennium birthday 2000

box 1:5 - 1:18

Series 2. **Writings and Drawings 1965-2005**

Physical Description: 14 folders

box-folder 1 : 5
box-folder 1 : 6
box-folder 1 : 7
box-folder 1 : 8
box-folder 1 : 9
box-folder 1 : 10
box-folder 1 : 11
box-folder 1 : 12
box-folder 1 : 13
box-folder 1 : 14
box-folder 1 : 15
box-folder 1 : 16
box-folder 1 : 17
box-folder 1 : 18
box 1:19 - 1:32

Writings and some biographical 1965-2005
Writings 1968-1987
The Size of More 1978
Mary, Model of Personal Spirituality 1976
Augustine of Hippo 1981
Christmas Card circa 1984
Writings and related materials 1977-2006
Reviews of books 1967-1990
Radical Love 1985-2003
Articles 1993-1994
Published materials and schedule 1977-94
Articles and courses circa 2001
Drawings 1952, 2000
Notes and articles 1973-1997

Series 3. **Courses and workshops 1942 - 2006**

Physical Description: 14 folders

box-folder 1 : 19
box-folder 1 : 20
box-folder 1 : 21
box-folder 1 : 22
box-folder 1 : 23
box-folder 1 : 24
box-folder 1 : 25
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box-folder 1 : 27
box-folder 1 : 28
box-folder 1 : 29
box-folder 1 : 30
box-folder 1 : 31
box-folder 1 : 32
box 2:1 - 3:48

Mystics of the Middle Ages undated
5-Part Seabeck circa 1996
Workshops circa 1994
Day Outlines undated
Faculty Information 2006-2007
Prayer and the Spirit 1972
Peirce and Royce circa 1994
Courses 1986-2001
Courses 1991-2001
Spiritual Direction 1999
Course notes circa 2003
Course notes circa 2005
Course notes circa 2006
Group of notebooks from classes 1942

Series 4. **Subjects 1948-2007**

Physical Description: 14 folders

box-folder 2 : 1
box-folder 2 : 2
box-folder 2 : 3
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box-folder 2 : 20

Alexander circa 1980
Loose articles 1993-2004
Loose articles 1988-2003
Bottom Line circa 1981
Various biographies undated
Comparative religion circa 2002
Chart of Protestant Churches 1961
Dante circa 1967
Discernment circa 1974
Dying circa 2004
Election 2004
Eagle's Quest circa 1982
English 1948-49
Greek circa 1960
Ancient History circa 1961
Greek historians circa 1964
Human Nature circa 1990
Healing circa 1980
Health undated
Journey into Freedom 2003

box-folder 2 : 21	James undated
box-folder 2 : 22	Spiritual book Evaluation undated
box-folder 2 : 23	Languages undated
box-folder 2 : 24	Women and Power Part 1 circa 1992
box-folder 2 : 25	Women and Power Part 2 circa 1992
box-folder 2 : 26	Newgrange 2007
box-folder 2 : 27	Ordination 1977
box-folder 2 : 28	Outlines 1992-2007
box-folder 2 : 29	Practice 1988-2006
box-folder 2 : 30	Prayer formation undated
box-folder 2 : 31	7 Series of Human Nature 1990
box-folder 2 : 32	Psyche and Spirit 1989
box-folder 2 : 33	Protestant Mystics undated
box-folder 2 : 34	Roman history undated
box-folder 2 : 35	Roman Republic undated
box-folder 2 : 36	Religious symbol undated
box-folder 2 : 37	Religion in scientific age undated
box-folder 2 : 38	Singles (poems and quotes) undated
box-folder 2 : 39	Three minute test undated
box-folder 2 : 40	Thesis undated
box-folder 2 : 41	ThD comps 1970
box-folder 2 : 42	Images and postcards undated
box-folder 2 : 43	Age-Sage undated
box-folder 2 : 44	Sharing 1985-2009
box-folder 2 : 45	Notes 1973-2007
box-folder 2 : 46	Thomas Berry, The Great Work 2000-2006
box-folder 3 : 1	Cosmology 1987-2006
box-folder 3 : 2	Dorothy Day 2003-2005
box-folder 3 : 3	Evil-Forgiveness-Depression-Fasting 1986-1991
box-folder 3 : 4	Elijah undated
box-folder 3 : 5	Einstein 1999-2001
box-folder 3 : 6	Francis circa 2006
box-folder 3 : 7	Faith and Reason circa 2003
box-folder 3 : 8	Jokes and cartoons 1998-2005
box-folder 3 : 9	Laity May-03
box-folder 3 : 10	Love 1998-2000
box-folder 3 : 11	Mystics ICCS 1977-1998
box-folder 3 : 12	Mystics 1976-2004
box-folder 3 : 13	Mystics circa 1989
box-folder 3 : 14	Thomas Moore circa 1963
box-folder 3 : 15	Prayer 1992-2008
box-folder 3 : 16	Theology and Peacemaking, Asimilar 1985 September 6
box-folder 3 : 17	Moral Religion 1978-1988
box-folder 3 : 18	Rolene Walker circa 2004
box-folder 3 : 19	Rumi-Ragore-Dickinson 2007-2008
box-folder 3 : 20	Spiritual Transformation circa 1995
box-folder 3 : 21	Shadow and Self as Mystic 1981-2005
box-folder 3 : 22	St Teresa circa 2005
box-folder 3 : 23	Brian Swimme circa 1989
box-folder 3 : 24	Spiritual Friendships circa 1996
box-folder 3 : 25	Taking Active Charge of your Life 1983
box-folder 3 : 26	Psych Self circa 1980
box-folder 3 : 27	Prayer undated
box-folder 3 : 28	Ascent of Truth undated
box-folder 3 : 29	Masculine/Feminine Bibliography 1977
box-folder 3 : 30	Faith articles 1982
box-folder 3 : 31	Saint or Schizo undated
box-folder 3 : 32	Mysticism undated

box-folder 3 : 33	Christianity? 1969
box-folder 3 : 34	Singles undated
box-folder 3 : 35	Masculine/Feminine Spirituality 1979 april
box-folder 3 : 36	Merton circa 1975
box-folder 3 : 37	Sex and Spirituality undated
box-folder 3 : 38	Nyssa, Life of Moses undated
box-folder 3 : 39	Self-hypnosis undated
box-folder 3 : 40	Loose articles undated
box-folder 3 : 41	Loose articles circa 1980s
box-folder 3 : 42	Cartoons undated
box-folder 3 : 43	Father Thomas Keating 2006-2007
box-folder 3 : 44	History of education in the US -timeline 1944
box-folder 3 : 45	Masters circa 1978
box-folder 3 : 46	Loose articles circa 1994
box-folder 3 : 47	Loose articles circa 2004-2005
box-folder 3 : 48	Loose articles 1968-2004
box 4:1 - 7:127	Series 5. Audiocassettes 1974-2006

Physical Description: 127 audiocassettes

box-cassette 4 : 1	Dante 1974
box-cassette 4 : 2	Dante 1974
box-cassette 4 : 3	Overview History of Christian Spirituality (2 copies) undated
box-cassette 4 : 4	Mystical Tradition undated
box-cassette 4 : 5	Prayer undated
box-cassette 4 : 6	Christian Spirituality, Colorado Springs 1991
box-cassette 4 : 7	Prayer 2, Julian of Norwich 1997 April 4
box-cassette 4 : 8	Julian of Norwich 1991 February 17
box-cassette 4 : 9	Creation Mystics: Julian of Norwich 1993 October 7
box-cassette 4 : 10	Creation Spirituality: Julian of Norwich 1993 September 30
box-cassette 4 : 11	Meister Eckhart (2 copies) 1991 February 10
box-cassette 4 : 12	Meister Eckhart 1991 February 11
box-cassette 4 : 13	Thomas Merton 1991March 3
box-cassette 4 : 14	St. Francis 1992 November
box-cassette 4 : 15	St. Francis 1991 February 3
box-cassette 4 : 16	Creation Mystics: St. Francis 1993 September 23
box-cassette 4 : 17	St. Francis 2006 May 7
box-cassette 4 : 18	St Teresa undated
box-cassette 4 : 19	Creation Mystics: St. Teresa of Avila 1993 October 28
box-cassette 4 : 20	Creation Mystics: John of the Cross 1993 October 14
box-cassette 4 : 21	Hildegard 2006 April 23
box-cassette 4 : 22	Prayer-SKSM 1997 May 5
box-cassette 4 : 23	Prayer 1992 May 4
box-cassette 4 : 24	Prayer I 1997 April 20

box-cassette 4 : 25	Theology: Prayer 1996 May 5
box-cassette 4 : 26	Prayer 2004 November 21
box-cassette 4 : 27	Healing Images 1983 March 9
box-cassette 4 : 28	Healing Images of God 1983 March 2
box-cassette 4 : 29	Spirituality of Social Commitment, Keynote Annual Conference, UCC no date
box-cassette 4 : 30	Cosmic Spirituality Pt 1, Colorada Springs 1991
box-cassette 4 : 31	Death I 1999 April 11
box-cassette 4 : 32	Death II 1999 April 18
box-cassette 4 : 33	Death III 1999 April 25
box-cassette 4 : 34	New Science and Religion , UU Church 1992 November 29
box-cassette 4 : 35	Religion and Science 1993 October 31
box-cassette 4 : 36	Seabeck 1993 July 15
box-cassette 5 : 37	Talk No.4 1977 June
box-cassette 5 : 38	Talk No.5 1977 June
box-cassette 5 : 39	Talk No.6 1977 June
box-cassette 5 : 40	Talk No.7 1977 June
box-cassette 5 : 41	Sunday Presentation 1988 October
box-cassette 5 : 42	Theology` 1976 March 4
box-cassette 5 : 43	Evening Session with Sisters undated
box-cassette 5 : 44	Evening Session with Sisters undated
box-cassette 5 : 45	Seabeck 1978 July 10-11
box-cassette 5 : 46	Mt Mary College undated
box-cassette 5 : 47	Radical Love 1997
box-cassette 5 : 48	Radical Love 1997
box-cassette 5 : 49	Greg 1990 January 28
box-cassette 5 : 50	Greg 1990 January 28
box-cassette 5 : 51	Workshop - Santa Rosa undated
box-cassette 5 : 52	Workshop - Santa Rosa undated
box-cassette 5 : 53	Lecture 2005 April 3

box-cassette 5 : 54	Lecture 2005 April 17
box-cassette 5 : 55	Vocational Directors meeting undated
box-cassette 5 : 56	For Dody happy birthday D
box-cassette 5 : 57	Saratoga 1993
box-cassette 5 : 58	Saratoga 1993
box-cassette 5 : 59	Women's role in the church 1984
box-cassette 5 : 60	Hildy 1990 February 28
box-cassette 5 : 61	Lecture-2 undated
box-cassette 5 : 62	Lecture-3 undated
box-cassette 5 : 63	UCC Conferece, Pomona College 1991
box-cassette 5 : 64	Pleasanton Prison Talk Oct-80
box-cassette 5 : 65	Dody's birthday 2000
box-cassette 5 : 66	Theology 1972
box-cassette 5 : 67	Right to Age- class 1 1993 January 1-3
box-cassette 5 : 68	Right to Age- class 2 1993 January 20
box-cassette 5 : 69	Right to Age- class 3 1993 January 27
box-cassette 5 : 70	Right to Age 15-Jun-05
box-cassette 6 : 71	Theology of the Eucharist no date
box-cassette 6 : 72	Palm Sunday 1986 March 23
box-cassette 6 : 73	NSVC, St. Paul, MN 1978
box-cassette 6 : 74	Discernment 24-Mar
box-cassette 6 : 75	Personaity Series No. 3 1986 January 22
box-cassette 6 : 76	Saskatoon 1985 July
box-cassette 6 : 77	Pueblo, CO 1990 June 24
box-cassette 6 : 78	Theological Understanding of Human Sexuality 1985 May 22
box-cassette 6 : 79	Lecture 1985 May 27
box-cassette 6 : 80	Lecture 1985 May 28
box-cassette 6 : 81	Lecture 1985 May 29
box-cassette 6 : 82	Last class 1985 June 7

box-cassette 6 : 83	Radical Love-Notre Dame 1987
box-cassette 6 : 84	Radical Love-Notre Dame 1987
box-cassette 6 : 85	Pacific Southwest Conference on World Christian Mission undated
box-cassette 6 : 86	Pacific Southwest Conference on World Christian Mission undated
box-cassette 6 : 87	Bread Broken/Life Shared, Wichita undated
box-cassette 6 : 88	Team Leadership undated
box-cassette 6 : 89	New Year New Life, Walnut Creek undated
box-cassette 6 : 90	Lecture 1985 June 5
box-cassette 6 : 91	Liberation Theology, dignity Canada 1988 August 1
box-cassette 6 : 92	A Spirituality of Commitment 1985 July 3
box-cassette 6 : 93	On Deepak Chopra 1995 January 22
box-cassette 6 : 94	Pastoral Spirituality 1977 April
box-cassette 6 : 95	Eucharist undated
box-cassette 6 : 96	Baptism=Eucharist=Ecumenical, GTU 1978
box-cassette 6 : 97	Eucharistic Ministry: Changing Concepts / Theology of Sharing no date
box-cassette 6 : 98	Eucharistic Ministry: Theology of Sharing 1976 August 28
box-cassette 6 : 99	Mara 1974
box-cassette 6 : 100	Prison-wrap up 1975
box-cassette 6 : 101	Punishment Jun-75
box-cassette 6 : 102	Ambrose-Mara undated
box-cassette 6 : 103-108	Lecture-tapes b-f (5 cassettes) undated
box-cassette 6 : 109	Lecture undated
box-cassette 6 : 110	Women and theology 1977 February 3
box-cassette 6 : 111	Women and the church 1977 April 26
box-cassette 6 : 112	Dante 1971 January 29
box-cassette 6 : 113	The Edge-Donnelly likely moderator for women's scholars 1973
box-cassette 7 : 114-127	Other speakers (23 cassettes) 1970-1980
box 8:1 - 22	Series 6. Videocassettes 1983 - 1993 Physical Description: 22 videocassettes

box-videocassette 8 : 1 **Women In focus (MBU 16:02) 1983**

box-videocassette 8 : 2 **Women In focus (16:02) 1983**

box-videocassette 8 : 3 **Radical Love, on Body and Soul (28:45) 1985 February 17**

box-videocassette 8 : 4 **Mysticism circa 1984**

box-videocassette 8 : 5 **Retreats International Teleconference, University of Notre Dame, Tape 5 (59:58) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 6 **Retreats International Teleconference, University of Notre Dame, Tape 6 (87:30) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 7 **NACC Program No. 1 (50:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 8 **NACC Program No. 2 (60:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 9 **NACC Program No. 3 (45:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 10 **NACC Program No. 4 (54:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 11 **NACC Program No. 5 (35:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 12 **NACC Program No. 6 (36:00) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 13 **Transcendent Explorers: California Mystics ; Transcendent Explorers: Psyche and Spirit 1989 July 19 , 1989 August 16**

box-videocassette 8 : 14-15 **Women in the 90s: Sexual/Spiritual Humans (2 cc) undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 16 **Seabeck: Earth 1993 July 12**

box-videocassette 8 : 17 **Seabeck: Water 1993 July 13**

box-videocassette 8 : 18 **Seabeck: Fire 1993 July 14**

box-videocassette 8 : 19 **Seabeck: Air 1993 July 15**

box-videocassette 8 : 20 **Seabeck: Atmosphere 1993 July 16**

box-videocassette 8 : 21 **First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, Sunday Service with Joan Swift and Dr. Donnelly undated**

box-videocassette 8 : 22 **Unitarian Universalist Church in Berkeley, Sunday Service 1997 June 23**