Inventory of the Victor Gold Collection, 1958-2000

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Victor Gold Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1958-2000
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Shelf location: 2/F/6; 2/J/3
Creator: Gold, Victor
Size: Number of containers: 8 boxes
Linear feet: 3 feet
Type of material: Minutes, correspondence, announcements, course schedules, class materials, newsletters and reports.
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union.
Berkeley, California
Language: English.

Source and Date
Six boxes donated April 22, 1988, by Victor Gold. One box donated February 24, 2009, by his wife, the Rev. Frances Noreen Meginness.

Access
Restrictions: 1 file, see Container List, Box 3.

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Biographical/Historical Description
Victor Roland Gold was born September 18, 1924 in Garden City, Kansas. He graduated from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, in 1945 and from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, in 1946. He received his doctorate in Old Testament studies from John Hopkins University (1951), a student of William Foxwell Albright. He served congregations in Texas, Maryland and Michigan prior to his call as an Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA in 1956. He taught there for over 50 years. A student remembers that he opened his classes by saying, "I'm still doing this because I am still learning new ways of understanding the Bible-from you, my students." He died September 17, 2008, in Oakland, CA.

Prof. Gold participated in many prominent excavations, including Lachish and Beer Sheva. Among his writings, he provided annotations on Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah for the first editions of the Oxford Annotated Bible and has more than 200 entries in the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. He chaired the committee of the National Council of Churches that created the Inclusive Language Lectionary.

Prof. Gold was an active participant in the founding and development of the Graduate Theological Union. By 1958, the seminaries in the Berkeley area had begun to discuss the possibility of a cooperative program. He participated in the Interseminary Committee on a Cooperative Graduate Program. It was from these discussions, and the work of this committee, that the Graduate Theological Union was formed and eventually incorporated. Prof. Gold continued his participation in the GTU through the work of various committees, such as a dean's search committee that brought Dr. Claude Welch to become dean of the GTU; the committee which worked to form the Common Library; and the committee to work on the internal structure of the GTU, the faculty, and the curriculum. Gold also served as Convenor of Area I, Biblical Studies; and coordinated the common GTU introductory course in Biblical Studies.


Scope and Content
The material is arranged as received from the donor. File folders retain the original headings, with the exception of loose materials received February 24, 2009. Nearly all items reflect Prof. Gold's personal involvement in the GTU. SEE ALSO: GTU 90-5-03, GTU Oral History Collection. There are audiotapes and typed transcripts of oral history interviews with Victor Gold on the formation and early years of the GTU. See the online version. SEE ALSO: Area I collection, GTU 92-1-01.

Separated Material
Copies of the GTU Library Program and GTU Master Plan from 1971 were transferred to GTU 94-6-1.

Box 1 - 8

GTU Files: Formation, Early Years, Faculty and Area 1 1958-2000

Physical Description: 54 folders

box-folder 1 : 1 Interseminary Committee on a Cooperative Graduate Program 1958-63
box-folder 1 : 2 Basic Documents 1964-72
box-folder 1 : 3 Board of Trustees 1967-68
box-folder 1 : 4 Committee on Internal Organization of the GTU 1969
box-folder 1 : 5 Committee for Nomination of a Dean 1970-71
box-folder 1 : 6 Memorial Services, Joseph Wall 1972
box-folder 1 : 7 GTU Library Committee 1962-68
box-folder 1 : 8  Study for Proposed Common Library 1967
box-folder 2 : 1  Library Committee 1968-69
box-folder 2 : 2  Library Committee 1969-71
box-folder 2 : 3-6  GTU Area I, Faculty minutes and documents 1960-71
box-folder 3 : 1-3  GTU Area I, Faculty minutes and documents (See also Box 6 and 7) 1970-77
box-folder 3 : 4-8  GTU Biblical Theology, Levels I, II, III, 1970-77
folder 1  Common core course. Restricted: 1 file folder, Grade Lists for classes, removed to Restricted Files, Box 1, 3/B/1 1971, 1974:
box-folder 3 : 9-11  GTU Cabinet and Faculty Minutes and Documents 1965-68
box-folder 4 : 1-8  GTU Cabinet and Faculty Minutes and Documents 1969-75
box-folder 5 : 1-5  GTU Faculty and Doctoral Council Minutes and Documents 1975-81
box-folder 8 : 1-4  GTU History, including Seminar on Mutual Recognition 1964-87