

## **Inventory of the Remembering Theological Education at the Graduate Theological Union in the 1960s Oral History**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Remembering Theological Education at the Graduate Theological Union in the 1960s Oral History

**Dates:** 1993-1995

**Collection number:** GTU 98-5-01

**Creator:** Kibler III, Ray F.

**Collection Size:** 2 linear feet (4 boxes)84 transcripts, 84 sets of cassettes and some images

**Repository:** The Graduate Theological Union Library.

Berkeley, CA 94709

**Abstract:** This extensive oral history includes interviews from 79 scholars who discuss the founding of the Graduate Theological Union and issues in theological education before, after and during the 1960s. The interviews were conducted in 1993-94 by Ray F. Kibler III, a Lutheran minister and archivist, who obtained funding from the Lilly Endowment to conduct the project.

**Physical location:** 1/A/1

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

 <http://cdm15837.contentdm.oclc.org/>

### Access

Collection is open for research. Some restrictions are in place. In nearly all cases, the edited transcript can be accessed. In roughly half the interviews, the unedited audio is also available. Five of the 84 interviews are currently unavailable due to restrictions: Keith R. Bridston, Victor R. Gold, Edward C. Hobbs, William E. Leshner and Herman C. Waetjen.

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### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Ray F. Kibler III provided the following: 1998-99, release forms, hard copies of transcripts and cassettes; 2012, Word file.

### Biography / Administrative History

Ray F. Kibler III conducted a series of interviews in 1993 and 1994 to examine theological education, primarily at the Graduate Theological Union, in the 1960s. The project was sponsored by Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), for the GTU, and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Graduate Theological Union (GTU) began in Berkeley as a partnership of four schools in 1962 and evolved into a consortium of six Protestant and three Roman Catholic schools, along with Orthodox, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and other

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centers of learning. The core schools included American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW), Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP, Episcopal), Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), Franciscan School of Theology (FST), Jesuit School of Theology of Berkeley (JSTB, now Santa Clara University), Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), Pacific School of Religion (PSR, non-denominational), San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS, Presbyterian) and Starr King School for the Ministry (SKSM, Unitarian Universalist).

In his proposal Kibler wrote: "Why record their testimonies now? Two dozen years have passed since 1968. Some older faculty are still living in retirement, a few on their deathbeds. But when they die, their testimonies will die with them. A couple have said to me that, years later, they now are ready to tell their stories. My experience indeed in conducting oral interviews has been that thoughtful older persons are both pleased and honored to give away what they know in the hope of being a help to others who want to listen to them. Some other faculty, young teachers 24 years ago, have experienced the space of sufficient time since to interpret now what went on and what they thought and did then. They too are ready to talk." (see full proposal at <http://cdm15837.contentdm.oclc.org/>)

Kibler earned the following degrees: BMus, California State University-Long Beach; MDiv, Luther Theological Seminary; MTh, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary; DMin, School of Theology at Claremont; PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary. He volunteered as director of the Region 2 Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at Pacific Lutheran Theological School, 1988-93. He has taught at Lutheran Bible Institute at Irvine. He served several congregations in Southern California and as a member of the Southern California Ecumenical Council.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection contains the audio recording of the interviews on cassette tapes, an unedited and edited transcript of each interview, some supporting documents on or from some of the interviewees, and the oral history release forms. Eighty-four professors, trustees and staff were interviewed.

### **Arrangement**

The materials are separated by type: transcripts in alphabetical order by last name in three boxes and audio cassettes in one box.

### **Indexing Terms**

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

### **Subjects**

Graduate Theological Union. Library--History--Sources.

Theological seminaries--California--Berkeley.

Theology--History--20th century.

### **Other Finding Aids**

GTU 90-5-03, Graduate Theological Union Oral History, from a class on oral history conducted at the Pacific School of Religion by Barbara Brown Zikmund and Charles McCoy in the Spring 1988; GTU 97-12-02, Harland E. Hogue oral history collection.

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Box 1 - 4

### **Interviewees and Affiliation 1993-1994**

**Physical Description:** 84 folders, 84 sets of audio cassette tapes, some supporting information

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| box-folder 1 : 1  | <b>Phillip Adams, Church Dvinity School of the Pacific</b>                           |
| box-folder 1 : 2  | <b>Stuart L. Anderson, Pacific School of Religion</b>                                |
| box-folder 1 : 3  | <b>Robert J. Arnott, American Baptist Seminary of the West</b>                       |
| box-folder 1 : 4  | <b>E. Theodore Bachmann, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>                   |
| box-folder 1 : 5  | <b>Browne Barr, San Francisco Theological Seminary</b>                               |
| box-folder 1 : 6  | <b>David Bartlett, American Baptist Seminary of the West</b>                         |
| box-folder 1 : 7  | <b>Francis Baur, Franciscan School of Theology</b>                                   |
| box-folder 1 : 8  | <b>Robert Bellah, University of California, Berkeley</b>                             |
| box-folder 1 : 9  | <b>John C. Bennett (additional oral history in file), Pacific School of Religion</b> |
| box-folder 1 : 10 | <b>Karen Bloomquist, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>                       |
| box-folder 1 : 11 | <b>Fred Borsch, Church Dvinity School of the Pacific</b>                             |
| box-folder 1 : 12 | <b>Keith R. Bridston (restricted), Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>         |
| box-folder 1 : 13 | <b>Joseph P. Chinnici, Franciscan School of Theology</b>                             |
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| box-folder 1 : 15 | <b>Paul D. Clasper, Graduate Theological Union</b>   |
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| box-folder 1 : 19 | <b>Harry T. Corcoran, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley</b>  |
| box-folder 1 : 20 | <b>Donald Deffner, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>   |
| box-folder 1 : 21 | <b>Jane D. Dillenberger, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union</b>        |
| box-folder 1 : 22 | <b>John Dillenberger, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Graduate Theological Union</b>                                       |
| box-folder 1 : 23 | <b>Dody H. Donnelly, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Pacific School of Religion</b> |
| box-folder 1 : 24 | <b>Joann Nash Eakin, Office of Women's Affairs, Graduate Theological Union</b>   |
| box-folder 1 : 25 | <b>Sanford S. Elberg, University of California, Berkeley</b>   |
| box-folder 1 : 26 | <b>James L. Empereur, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley</b>  |
| box-folder 1 : 27 | <b>Eldon G. Ernst, American Baptist Seminary of the West</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 1  | <b>Jack Finigan, Pacific School of Religion</b>  |
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| box-folder 2 : 3  | <b>A. Durwood Foster, Pacific School of Religion</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 4  | <b>Samuel M. Garrett, Church Dvinity School of the Pacific</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 5  | <b>Theodore A. Gill, San Francisco Theological Seminary</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 6  | <b>Charles Y. Glock, University of California, Berkeley, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>                             |
| box-folder 2 : 7  | <b>Robert J. Goeser, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 8  | <b>Victor R. Gold (restricted), Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 9  | <b>Norman K. Gottwald, American Baptist Seminary of the West</b>   |
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| box-folder 2 : 12 | <b>Henry J. Harjunpaa, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 13 | <b>Richard A. Hill, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley</b>  |
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| box-folder 2 : 17 | <b>James B. Jones, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>   |
| box-folder 2 : 18 | <b>N. Stilson Judah, Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union</b>  |
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| box-folder 2 : 27 | <b>Charles S. McCoy, Pacific School of Religion</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 28 | <b>Marna J. McKenzie, OWA, Graduate Theological Union</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 29 | <b>Antonio Moreno-Elosegui, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 30 | <b>Paul E. Morentz, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>  |
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| box-folder 2 : 34 | <b>B. Dave Napier, Pacific School of Religion</b>  |
| box-folder 2 : 35 | <b>Shunji F. Nishi, Church Dvinity School of the Pacific</b>   |
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| box-folder 3 : 2  | <b>Betty Over, Graduate Theological Union</b>  |
| box-folder 3 : 3  | <b>Samuel Parsons, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology</b>   |
| box-folder 3 : 4  | <b>Robert Pfisterer, Franciscan School of Theology</b>   |
| box-folder 3 : 5  | <b>Joseph M. Powers, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley</b>   |
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| box-folder 3 : 22 | <b>Wilhelm Wuellner, Pacific School of Religion</b>                       |
| box 4             | <b>Cassette tapes of all interviews</b>                                   |