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Descriptive Summary
Title: Robert McAfee Brown papers
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Collection number: GTU 2007-6-01
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Collection Size: 18 linear feet (19 record boxes)
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library. Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: Robert McAfee Brown, 1920-2001, was a Christian theologian, ethicist, teacher, author, preacher, and advocate for peace and justice in social, economic, and gender issues. The collection contains published and unpublished material by R.M. Brown and by various other authors.

Physical location: B/C/1-3; B/F/1-6
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information
Materials were donated by Sydney Thomson Brown and the Brown family in May 2008.

Biography / Administrative History
"I believe we are here to share bread with one another, so that everyone has enough, no one has too much."
Robert McAfee Brown, 1920-2001, was a Christian theologian, ethicist, teacher, author, preacher, and advocate for peace and justice in social, economic, and gender issues. Brown was descended from and raised in a strong Presbyterian background from both his maternal family, the McAfees, and his paternal family. His father and most of the men in his mother's family were Presbyterian ministers.
Throughout a life of ever expanding and inclusive ideas, philosophies, theologies, and causes, Brown remained rooted in the Presbyterian tradition. He was born in Illinois, lived his childhood in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. He received his B.A. at Amherst College 1943, and the B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York, 1945 where he studied with such eminent theologians as Paul Tillich, John Bennett, and Reinhold Niebuhr. Brown and Sydney Thomson
married in 1944. They had four children, Peter, Mark, Thomas, and Alison. After graduation and ordination in 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. The war ended while he was still at the Naval Training School for Chaplains in Virginia. After training, he was sent to San Francisco, then assigned to the USS Bollinger (APA 234), a troop ship bringing troops home from the Pacific after war’s end. One of the stops was Bikini Atoll, the last ship out before the test explosion of the atom bomb.

Discharged from the Navy in 1946, Brown returned to Massachusetts serving two positions in Amherst First Congregational Church and Amherst College. In 1948, Brown began a PhD program at Columbia-Union. Following a Fulbright Grant to study in England during 1949, he returned to New York receiving the PhD in 1951. He was appointed Head of the Religion Department at Macalester College in Minnesota, 1951; Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary, 1953; Religion at Stanford University, 1962; and, after a brief stint back at Union, the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, 1979 until his retirement in 1984.

In his Reflections Over the Long Haul: A Memoir, Robert McAfee Brown elaborates on the many avenues of service and faith he followed throughout his life. A teacher and writer, his work was framed by how he integrated situations in the world into his intellect, faith, and life.

Robert McAfee Brown early in WWII did what he did throughout his life. He thought, studied, prayed, and discussed with others what it meant to live as a Christian during wartime, and how one was to proceed with life choices. He ultimately understood himself as a pacifist. As a pacifist, he needed to understand how his philosophical and faithful stand should manifest itself in his life. He decided ultimately to work it out through Navy chaplaincy. As a Chaplain assigned to a ship, he again approached his faith stand according to how to live it in that real situation. He found that the Navy and its ships were divided into a strict racist structure. Throughout his assignment, he worked small steps and large, quietly or overtly if not to dismantle, at least to get people thinking and talking about how to live in a world without a racist structure. Brown continued to live out his life and faith acting for justice.

While at Macalester College in Minnesota, he began a long involvement in political activity as he actively campaigned for Eugene McCarthy running for Congress, writing and speaking equally as actively against the broadly intolerant philosophies raised by Joseph McCarthy. In this, as in subsequent teaching and writings on issues, he was open and public in his views having the courage to receive negative reactions on several levels and through varying avenues. To all of these, he responded with calm dignity and thoughtful answers.

At Union Theological Seminary in New York, 1953-62, Brown taught the expected courses such as Christian Ethics, Bible, Narrative Theology, and the Theologies of Niebuhr, Barth, and Bonhoeffer. But he never taught in the usual way. His courses were always expansive, always popular, and he led his students to think, to push all boundaries, to follow their faith. As his life moved on with the world, Brown moved into such courses and workshops as World Religions and Systems, Social Concerns and Justice, Liberation Theology, Women's Studies, and the Ethics of Work. As he had always been, he continued to be well prepared. He presented content and led discussions with accessibility and liveliness.

In the turbulent issues and events of the 1960s, Brown was at the forefront, then the heart of them all. Always an advocate for and participant in the World Council of Churches and ecumenism, he early understood the need for a broadening dialog with Roman Catholicism. Understanding the need, he took the action. Brown began to work closely with Gustave Weigel, S.J. continuing to study, discuss with an expanding circle of colleagues, write, and speak. A series of articles such as “Rules for Dialogue” were published simultaneously 1960 in the Catholic journal Commonweal and Protestant journal Christian Century. He ultimately attended Vatican II as an Observer for the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches. Again, he wrote extensively 1963-65 of the experience and the issues involved for the churches and a broader ecumenism.

Brown was a strong participant in the Civil Rights movement through his teaching, writing, and preaching. Since action always followed Brown’s convictions, he participated in a Freedom Ride 1961 with several New York pastors and rabbis, Black and Caucasian. They traveled by bus to Tallahassee, Florida, eating together in diners and bus stations received with varying levels of hostility. In Tallahassee, they were arrested and jailed. Again, Brown published his beliefs and experiences in several articles including the seminal “I Was a Freedom Rider”, Presbyterian Life, 1961.

The Vietnam War and the peace and anti-draft issues to which it gave rise developed after Brown had moved to Stanford University. He published “In Conscience I Must Break the Law” in Look magazine, 1967. Along with his continued prolific writing, teaching, and preaching, Brown participated in many protests and actions against the draft and for the peace movement. In 1969, he traveled with a study team to Vietnam, and in 1972, traveled with a peace delegation to Europe seeking to meet with high level political leaders and the Pope to urge peace.

A broadening ecumenicism led Brown into Jewish-Christian dialog and study. He invited Elie Wiesel to speak at Stanford in 1974. From their first meeting, the two became deep friends lasting to Brown's death in 2001. Wiesel became a strong influence on Brown who expanded into Holocaust studies. He was appointed 1979 to President Carter's United States...
Commission on the Holocaust. After the Commission's travel, study, and report, it became the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Wiesel was the chairman. Brown increasingly considered resigning his membership in 1985 over a number of issues (“disenchanted with everything President Reagan stood for”). He and other members of the Council were very upset by President Reagan’s visit to Germany when he visited the Bitburg cemetery, which included SS (Schutzstaffel) soldiers who had staffed the concentration camps. While no members resigned the Council, they all debated how to confront Reagan's action. Ultimately, they decided not to all resign at once, fearing this could jeopardize the mission of the museum. Only Wiesel was renominated by Reagan to the Council for another three year term. Wiesel later resigned.

The emergence of Liberation Theology in Latin American in the 1970s caught Brown's attention and he began a deep study. Through this study, he met Gustavo Gutierrez, again becoming friends and working together in varying ways, academic, political, and practical. For the next two decades, Brown engaged in liberation study, teaching, and action concerning women's liberation and feminism, justice issues in Central America and the Sanctuary Movement, economic justice, and Gay and Lesbian (or LGBTQ) liberation and justice. This continued long after his formal retirement from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, 1984.

In Brown's last and difficult illness, he worked with family and colleagues remembering and sorting through his life, his faith, his work, and his actions. This became Reflections Over the Long Haul: A Memoir, published posthumously in 2005 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press). He is buried in Heath, Massachusetts, near the family summer home. Sydney Thomson Brown writes of Robert McAfee Brown in the Prologue: "Grounded in the traditional, the traditional never contained him. He wanted the earth to be fair and good for all. . . . He was committed to relate his faith to the world around, to push the boundaries. . . . He wanted his faith to be effective, to make the world a better place. He acted for this through his teaching, preaching, and writing - and with others, turning his ideas into action. . . . [H]e was not by nature an activist. He became an activist because his faith called him to act . . . . He was a man of courage."

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Published and unpublished material by R.M. Brown; collected published and unpublished material by various other authors; original and collected material relating to teaching courses in higher education, to speaking presentations, and for writing articles, chapters, and books; papers are handwritten, typed, photocopied, or printed; correspondence; photographs; and moving images (VHS videotapes and DVD's).

**Arrangement**

The Collection contains six Series: Series 1, Courses; Series 2, Writings, with two Sub-Series, Sub-Series A, Articles, Chapters in Books, and Books; and Sub-Series 2-B, Manuscripts; Series 3, Lectures, Addresses, Sermons, and Presentations; and Series 4, Subject Files with four Sub-Series, Sub-Series 4-A, General Subjects; Sub-Series 4-B, Personal Files; Sub-Series 4-C, Narrative Theology; and Sub-Series 4-D, Elie Wiesel; Series 5, Personal Books; and Series 6, Audio and Visual Cassettes.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Christian ethics--Study and teaching
Liberation theology--Study and teaching
Liberation theology--Latin America
Narrative theology--Study and teaching
Religious thought--Study and teaching
Theologians--United States--Biography
Presbyterian Church--Clergy--United States--Biography
Clergy--Political activity
Faculty--Political activity
Race relations--Religious aspects--Christianity.
Theology, Doctrinal--Developing countries.
United States. Navy--Chaplains
Justice (Jewish theology)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--History
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Stanford University
Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, Calif.)

Separated Material
Books from Robert McAfee Brown's personal library were sorted in 2010 by Clay-Edward Dixon, Collection Development Librarian; Lucinda Glenn, Archivist; and David Stiver, Special Collections Assistant. The books were 1. Put into the Graduate Theological Union Library Annual Book Sale; 2. Cataloged into the circulating collection of the GTU Library; or 3. Cataloged into the GTU Library Rare Books Collection.
Listed here are books cataloged into the GTU Library Rare Books Collection. These have been 1. Inscribed by the individual authors to Robert or to Robert McAfee Brown and Sydney Thomson Brown (The author's inscriptions are often personal and/or fulsome in their language.); 2. Inscribed by the person giving the book to the Browns; 3. Heavily marked by Brown; or 4. Notes are added in Brown's handwriting.
Arranged alphabetically by author.


Gutierrez, Gustavo, *El Dios de la Vida* ([Lima]: Departamento de Teologia, Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru, [1981]).


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**box 1:1 - 5:12 Series 1. Courses 1940-1985**

**Physical Description:** 121 folders 4 images, 2 lectures, 2 articles

**Scope and Content Note**

The Series contains both courses taken by R.M. Brown as a student and those taught by him as a professor. The courses taught by Brown are by far the largest majority. The files on each course may contain syllabi, Brown's lecture notes typed or handwritten, collected background articles, and material from earlier courses taken or taught by Brown.

**Arrangement:** Because of the mix of materials and dates in the folders, it can be difficult to date courses. The Series is arranged sequentially by course number.

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**Physical Description:** 121 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

The Sub-Series contains published and unpublished material authored by R.M. Brown. There is also a smaller amount of articles and interviews about Brown. Arrangement: All material is arranged chronologically.

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Christian Ethics in a Complex Society, 1st Congregational Church, Palo Alto, California 1980 November 8
The Church and Social Justice, Old St. Mary’s Church, San Francisco 1980s
Violence and Repentance, Pacific School of Religion Chapel circa 1980s
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Chautauqua, Voices of Central America, includes articles by RMB and Gustavo Gutiérrez (in Spanish and English) 1991 August
Nine Ground Rules for Ecumenical Exchange: Dedication of the Multicultural Center, Franciscan School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union 1993 May 8
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Fear Not with Fear and Trembling: Conversation of RMB and Margie Brown reflecting on the Advent narratives 1994
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Series 4. Subject Files 1943-1999

Physical Description: 119 folders


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Scope and Content Note
The Sub-Series contains general collected resources published and unpublished, notes, and background materials on subjects of interest to R.M. Brown. Arrangement: Alphabetical.

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Scope and Content Note

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Scope and Content Note
The Sub-Series contains notes, collected resources, and background material for Persuade Us to Rejoice: The Liberating Power of Fiction authored by R.M. Brown and published by Westminster John Knox Press, 1992. It does not contain any manuscript. Included are files for the Pacific School of Religion Summer Session course "Theology as Narrative" given 1993 and 1996. Arrangement: No order. As received from the Brown family.

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Scope and Content Note
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Course, Summer Session, theology in the Novels of Elie Wiesel, Part 2 1984, 1987
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"This Shall Tell All Ages: Art, Music, and Writings of the Holocaust," Prepared by the United Jewish Appeal, New York 1981
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Elie Wiesel, "Two Images, One Destiny," Jewish Agency Assembly, Jerusalem 1974
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US President's Commission on the Holocaust, Trip to Israel and Poland. Part 1 1979
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US President's Commission on the Holocaust, Trip to Israel and Poland. Part 2 1979
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US President's Commission on the Holocaust, Trip to Israel and Poland, brochures and booklets, postcards, from museums and monuments 1979
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US Holocaust Memorial Council, includes RMB appointment letter from President Jimmy Carter 1980-1986
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US Holocaust Memorial Council, committees, proposals, meeting minutes 1981
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Physical Description: 10 sample books

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Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes, 4 video cassettes

audiocassette 1.
Robert McAfee Brown, *Evil: Problem or Mystery?* 96-14, audio cassette 1996

audiocassette 2.

videocassette 3.

videocassette 4.
*Reflections on Vatican II*, PBS, 1997