Inventory of the University of California, Davis Department of Philosophy Records AR-138

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Abstract: Planning, history, and departmental review records for the UC Davis Department of Philosophy. Researchers should contact Archives and Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

History
Philosophy teaching at Davis took root in 1952, while the campus was still known as College of Agriculture at Davis. Appointed to lead the newly formed Department of Philosophy and Fine Arts, Arthur Child was the only philosopher for 31 undergraduate students. Five years later William Bossart became the second faculty member, leading to separate status as the Department of Philosophy in 1958, and establishment of a major program in 1959, when the campus was designated the University of California, Davis. The faculty grew further with the addition of Neal Gilbert, Ronald Arbini, Marjorie Grene and John Malcolm in the 1960s. Professors Child and Gilbert established the foundation of an outstanding collection of philosophy books and journals in both the Shields and the Department of Philosophy libraries, according to a historical account that Malcolm, as a professor emeritus, prepared in 1999.

In 1965 the department enrolled its first graduate students. The main emphasis in undergraduate and graduate teaching was on the history of philosophy, a concentration that enabled many our early graduate students to gain community college teaching positions. Indeed, all members of the department were qualified to teach advanced courses in either ancient or modern (17th–18th century) philosophy. This focus was maintained in the late 1960s and the early 1970s when Fred Berger, Joel Friedman, G. J. Mattey and Michael Wedin joined our faculty. Virtually all members of the department, however, had interests other than history of philosophy. Marjorie Grene, for example, was internationally known in an impressive number of fields, notably continental (European) philosophy and philosophy of biology, in addition to her work on Aristotle, Descartes and other historical figures.

By the 1980s and ‘90s, the department's academic and scholarly research programs no longer focused predominant on the major figures of the past. The department inaugurated a History and Philosophy of Science program in 1983 under the supervision of James Griesemer. It was primarily a lecture series until 1990, when it became an interdepartmental program with an undergraduate minor. The program, which originally concentrated on philosophy of biology, came to include philosophy of physics, under Paul Teller. Several people, including Gerald Dworkin and Connie Rosati, had replaced Fred Berger in ethics and philosophy of law, a field in which the majority of philosophy graduate students were working by then.

Scope and Contents
Records include academic planning documents, departmental history, and program review records for the UC Davis Department of Philosophy.

Arrangement
Collection is arranged in two series: 1. General Information and 2. Program Reviews.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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**General Information 1953-1997**

**Scope and Contents**

General information about the department's history, academic development, department goals, and academic highlights (i.e. lecture series and program profiles).

- **Box 1, Folder 1**
  - General Information: Department Philosophies & Academic Development Plans 1953-1972
- **Box 1, Folder 2**
  - General Information: Department History 1966
- **Box 1, Folder 3**
- **Box 1, Folder 4**
  - General Information: The Romanell- Phi Beta Kappa Lecture Series 1991-1992
- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  - Graduate Program Profile 1977-1988
- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  - Graduate Program Directory 1995-1997

**Program Reviews 1972-1998**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains the department's self-review information or external reviews of the graduate program since the 1970s. May contain information about the graduate program as early as 1960 because earlier information was compiled in order to review the program. This series is organized to reflect the original organization of the files from the philosophy department's records.

- **Box 1, Folder 7**
  - Graduate Program Review Procedures 1982-1987
- **Box 1, Folder 8**
  - Figures from National Trends in Graduate Education Presentation; Challenges for U.C.D, October 2, 1989 1989

**Scope and Contents**

Presentation to the Graduate Program Chairs by M.R.C Greenwood, Dean at the University of California, Davis on October 2, 1989. Contains statistical information about trends in graduate programs or graduate education as early as 1926-2012. Also includes a shorter presentation titled "Figures from Supply and Demand for Science and Engineering PhDs: A National Crisis in the Making" presented to the Regents of the University of California on February 16, 1989 by Richard C. Atkinson, Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego.(1973-2010)

- **Box 1, Folder 9**
  - Notice: Redirection of Employee UCRP Mandatory Contributions & Restructure of UCRP (REVAMP) 1990
- **Box 1, Folder 10**
  - Graduate Program Survey for Review of Metaphysics 1975-1995
- **Box 1, Folder 11**
  - Teaching Program Planning & Review Committee (TPPRC) 1979 Review: Report Info, Correspondence, Memos, Guidelines 1977-1981
- **Box 1, Folder 12**
- **Box 1, Folder 13**
  - TPPRC 1979 Review: Faculty and Course Information 1974-1978
- **Box 1, Folder 14**
- **Box 1, Folder 15**
- **Box 1, Folder 16**
  - Graduate Program Review: Information & Development 1984-1989
- **Box 1, Folder 17**
  - Grad Program Revision Information: Development; Memos 1986-1992
- **Box 1, Folder 18**
- **Box 1, Folder 19**
  - Graduate Program Review, 1972 1967-1972
- **Box 1, Folder 20**
Graduate Program Review, 1985 1971-1985

Scope and Contents
Entire copy of the information needed for the 1985 Graduate Program Review of the philosophy department. Organized in accordance to the outline provided by the reviewers: reflects the mandatory information needed to proceed with the review.

Box 1, Folder 21
Grad Program Review, 1985: Report Contents Outline 1984

Box 1, Folder 22
Scope and Contents
Original copy of the contents of Part 1 of the 1985 Graduate Program Review report. All sections mentioned in the outline are included.

Box 1, Folder 23
Scope and Contents
Copy of Part 1 of the 1985 Graduate Program Review report. Missing sections I and J mentioned in the outline.

Box 1, Folder 24
Scope and Contents
Original copy of the contents of Part 2 of the 1985 Graduate Program Review report. All sections mentioned in the outline are included.

Box 1, Folder 25


Scope and Contents
Contains the original information needed for the 1995-1996 graduate program review, which includes a self-review package and the finalized program review. Organized to reflect the final report’s original order. Separated by section to help organize the massive amount of information.

Box 1, Folder 26

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Scope and Contents
Original copy of the self-review package that was sent to aid in the 1995-1996 graduate program review. Information organized to reflect the order of the outline: separated by section to help organize the massive amount of information.

Box 1, Folder 33

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Self-Review Package 1996: 3-Program Admin. & 4-Student Info 1985-1996

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