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Abstract: Lynn Townsend White, Jr. (1907- ) was a professor of history at UCLA (1958-72), and Director of the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (1964-70). The collection consists of teaching and research material related to Lynn White's career as a history professor.

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Biography
Lynn Townsend White, Jr. was born in San Francisco, California, April 29, 1907; BA, Stanford University (1928), MA, Union Theological Seminary (1929), Harvard University (1930), Ph.D, Harvard University (1934); history instructor, Princeton University (1933-37); assistant professor (1937-40) and professor (1940-43) of history at Stanford University; President, Mills College (1943-58); professor of history, UCLA (1958-72); Director of the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (1964-70); recipient of numerous honorary degrees, awards and decorations; various publications include:

Scope and Content
Collection consists of teaching and research material related to the career of history professor Lynn White. Includes exams, lecture notes, publications, correspondence, manuscripts, bibliographic files, and photographs for publications.

Organization and Arrangement
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
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University of California, Los Angeles--Dept. of History--Faculty--Archival resources.
College teachers--California--Archival resources.
History teachers--California--Archival resources.
Historians--California--Archival resources.

Related Material
*Technology, History, Democracy* [oral history transcript] / Lynn Townsend White, Interviewee. UCLA Oral History Department interview, 1983. Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

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Viator (Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies journal) - review by R.H. Robbins, 1979.

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