Descriptive Summary
Title: Don E. Ford slide collection
Date (inclusive): 1930-1967
Date (bulk): 1952-1967
Collection Number: MS 405
Creator: Ford, Donald E., 1921-1965
Extent: 0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
Riverside, CA 92517-5900
Abstract: The collection consists of approximately 850 photographic slides, mostly of science fiction conventions, taken by well known fan Don E. Ford in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Slides in the collection depict various parts of conventions, including audiences listening to performances and speakers, dinners, discussions, and other fan gatherings.
Languages: The collection is in English.
Access
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Publication Rights
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Processing History
Processed by Serena Rodholm, Student Processing Assistant, 2018.
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Biographical Note
Donald E. Ford, was born in 1921 and began reading science fiction in 1930, starting his lifelong love of the genre. He became a well-known and respected member of science fiction fandom, as a leading member of the Cincinnati Fantasy Group, a founding member of First Fandom, and the author and editor of fanzines such as POOKA. Ford was also involved in a number of science fiction conventions, chairing Cinvention in 1949 and founding the first Midwestcon in 1950. In 1953, Ford helped found the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund (TAFF), an organization which facilitates a competition to provide funds for well-known science fiction fans in North America and Europe to attend a major convention on the other side of the Atlantic. Ford served as the first U.S. administrator of TAFF for four years, and won the TAFF race himself in 1959, allowing him to attend the 1960 Eastercon in London.
Ford was diagnosed with cancer, and passed shortly after in April of 1965.
Collection Scope and Contents
The collection consists of approximately 250 stereo slides and 600 35mm slides of science fiction conventions, fans, and authors taken by Don E. Ford, mostly during the 1950s and 1960s. Slides in the collection depict various parts of conventions, including audiences listening to performances and speakers, dinners, discussions, and other fan gatherings. This conventions represented in the collection were held mainly in the Midwestern United States, with some slides from conventions held in London, Detroit, and Washington D.C. Most slides include some sort of caption written by Ford.
Materials in the collection also include some personal slides, depicting family events and trips, as well as photographs from the Cincinnati Fantasy Group.
Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged into two series as follows:
Series 1. Events, 1930-1964
Series 2. Conventions, 1952-1967
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
- Congresses and conventions
- Photography
- Science fiction fans
- Science fiction -- Authorship

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
- Stereoscopic photographs
- Slides (photographs)

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**Series 1. Events 1930-1964**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series consists of single and stereo slides of the Cincinnati Fantasy Group, fan events and publications outside of conventions, and personal trips. Slides in the series depict various locations, including Indian Lake and Cleveland, Ohio, and Indiana.

**Series Arrangement**
Slides in the series are arranged alphabetically, according to groupings and captions provided by Ford.

- Box 1, Folder 1: Beatley's on the Lake 1951
- Box 1, Folder 2: Birthday parties 1952-1960
- Box 1, Folder 3: Cincinnati Fantasy Group 1956-1964
- Box 1, Folder 4: Indiana picnic
- Box 1, Folder 5: Indian Lake 1947-1956
- Box 1, Folder 6: Kent Bulmer and Akron Parade 1955
- Box 1, Folder 7: Natural Bride State Park picnic trip 1955
- Box 1, Folder 8: Picnic at Muncie 1958
- Box 1, Folder 9: Sandusky, Ohio 1964
- Box 1, Folder 10: SF Boom or Bust 1930-1944

**Series 2. Conventions 1952-1967**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series consists of single and stereo slides of conventions attended by Don Ford, including conventions held in Detroit, London, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Slides in the series are candid shots, depicting attendees listening to speakers, gatherings, items on display, and general shots of other fans and attendees. The series also contains the original labels Ford used to organize his metal slide boxes.

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- Box 1, Folder 12: Chicago 1962
- Box 1, Folder 13: Cleveland 13th World Con 1955
- Box 1, Folder 14: Clevention and Ken Bulmer visit 1955
- Box 1, Folder 15: Detroit Con 1959
- Box 1, Folder 16: "Falascon" 1957-1958
- Boxes 17-19: Midwestcon III 1952
- Box 1, Folder 19: Midwestcon V 1954
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