Guide to the Bruce Bridgeman papers

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**  
Transferred from Bridgeman's office at UCSC to Special Collections and Archives in 2017.

**Biographical / Historical**  
Bruce Bridgeman (1944-2016) was an American neuroscientist and professor of Psychology and Psychobiology. His research focused on relationships between perception and action in the spatial domain. Bridgeman earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Cornell University in 1967 and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University in 1971. He joined the University of California Santa Cruz as an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Psychobiology in 1973, and retired in 2011 after a 38-year career in the UCSC Psychology Department. Bridgeman was also a guest professor at the Max-Planck Institute for Psychological Research in Munich throughout the 1990s, and the University of Padova in Italy in 2000. He authored over 350 publications, including *Psychology and Evolution: The Origins of Mind* (Sage Press, 2003), and served as the editor-in-chief of the international journal "Consciousness and Cognition." See Bridgeman's complete CV and list of publications in the biographical folder in box 1. Bridgeman was professionally active until his death in 2016. In honor of his life's work his family established the Professor Bruce Bridgeman, Ph.D. and Diane Bridgeman, Ph.D. fund to assist UC Santa Cruz graduate students in cognitive psychology who would not otherwise be able to fully afford the cost of their studies. More information about Bruce Bridgeman can be found at https://brucebridgeman.sites.ucsc.edu.

**Scope and Contents**  
This collection contains the professional papers of Bruce Bridgeman in his capacity as an educator and researcher. The majority of the materials consist of digital records of his teaching, research, writing, and administrative leadership activity at UC Santa Cruz from the 1990s to 2016. Also included are paper records relating to his teaching and activities as a member of the UCSC Psychology Board of Studies.

**Additional Collection Guide**  
For inventories of the contents of Series 1: Digital Files, see the following guides:  
- Subseries 1.1: Files from Computers Directory  
- Subseries 1.2: Files from CDs Directory

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Neuropsychology -- Study and teaching (Higher)  
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Arrangement

Digital files remain in original order.

Processing Information

The majority of Bridgeman's digital files were transferred from his office computers via external hard drive to Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Additional digital files were transferred off CDs in 2019 by Special Collections staff. The CDs were retained in the collection. Special Collections staff removed duplicate files, student and personnel records, and other out of scope records. Files were not reformatted, and file names are original to the creator.

Other Finding Aids

For inventories of the contents of Series 1: Digital Files, see the following guides:

- Subseries 1.1: Files from Computers Directory
- Subseries 1.2: Files from CDs Directory

**Files from computers** Subseries 1.1 1991-2016

Physical Description: 1.56 GB (2,630 files)

Scope and Contents

Includes teaching files for Bridgeman's Psychology and Psychobiology courses, research files including his work on the Roelofs effect, slideshow presentations, manuscripts and other files related to his publications including his 2003 book Psychology and Evolution: The Origins of Mind, and other documentation of his research and professional activity at UCSC and beyond during the 1990s-2010s. File formats includes PDF, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint, and others.

**Files from CDs** Subseries 1.2 1999-2003

Physical Description: 0.180 GB (981 files)

Scope and Contents

Includes files related to Bridgeman's research on the Roelofs effect, and photographs of Bridgeman and his students in his lab.

**Paper Files** Series 3 1973-2016

Scope and Contents

Includes documentation of departmental and academic planning in the UCSC Psychology Department, course files for Psychology courses Bridgeman taught at UCSC, correspondence and other materials related to Bridgeman's tenure at the Bielefeld University Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF) in Germany, research files, and other professional materials.

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