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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Morse, Christopher (Christopher L.)
<b>Title:</b>	Christopher Morse papers
<b>ID:</b>	11985891
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960 -- 2012
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.75 linear feet 6.75 linear feet; 13 boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15 audiocassettes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Christopher L. Morse (1935-) graduated from Union Theological Seminary with an S.T.M in 1968 and a Ph.D. in 1976, and is a Presbyterian minister, Biblical scholar, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer Professor Emeritus at Union. This collection contains correspondence, research files, publications, administrative materials, and audio cassettes.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Christopher Morse papers, 1960-2012, series #, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Christopher Morse was born in Virginia in 1935. He received his Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Randolph-Macon College in 1959 where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa. He then received a Master's in Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1962, studied at the University of Mainz in Germany in 1971, and received his Master's in Sacred Theology from UTS in 1968 before going on to pursue his Ph.D. at Union, earning that degree in 1976. Dr. Morse spent the majority of his career at Union Theological Seminary. He is an ordained

minister of the United Methodist Church with a specialization is in systematic theology. Morse published a number of books including *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News*, *The Logic of Promise in Moltmann's Theology* and *Not Every Spirit: A Dogmatics of Christian Disbelief*. His major published work, one that has been used in many schools and seminaries, is a text on Christian doctrine titled *Not Every Spirit: A Dogmatics of Christian Disbelief*. In addition to his academic affiliations, Morse is a member of The New Haven Theological Discussion Group, The Duodecim Society and past president of The American Theological Society. Morse held the Bonhoeffer chair in Theology and Ethics at Union from 1996 to 2009. He presented lectures and papers worldwide including lectures on "Bonhoeffer's Theological legacy" at the Union Theological Society of the West Indies in Kingston Jamaica in 2004 and "Dogmatics and American Politics" at Neskrikja Church in Reykjavik, Iceland. Dr. Morse is Dietrich Bonhoeffer Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics, Union Theological Seminary.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains correspondence, research files, publications, administrative materials, and audio cassettes.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in six series: Series 1: Scholarship; Series 2: Publications; Series 3: Union Theological Seminary, Administrative; Series 4: Correspondence; Series 5: Subject files; and Series 6: Audiovisual materials.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### **Revision Description**

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2024-04-02

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The following boxes are located offsite: all boxes except Series 6. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

This collection was donated by Christopher Morse in consultation with his estate planners in 2013.

### **Processing Information**

Metal clips were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Cassettes without plastic crystal cases were housed in acid free envelopes. The finding aid was created by Paul Paulson in 2016 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2024.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- College teachers
- Theologians

- Morse, Christopher (Christopher L.) -- : Archives
- Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.) -- : Archives -- : Faculty

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## Burke Library record group:

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Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Scholarship, 1968 -- 2007

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

#### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged in original order.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to Morse's scholarship, including academic papers, lectures, research resources, as well as papers by others and annotated by Morse.

Title/Description	Instances	
Notes on early/mid-career academic work, 1968 -- 1981	box 1: 1	folder 1
Tutorial for Dr. Driver's Course, 1970 -- 1971	box 1: 1	folder 2
Talks and Discussions Materials, circa 1969 -- 1975	box 1: 1	folder 3
Papers Discussed, circa 1970 -- 1975	box 1: 1	folder 4
Brown Lectures RMC [Randolph-Macon College], 1980	box 1: 1	folder 5
NCC [National Council of Churches] Toronto Workshop, 1980	box 1: 1	folder 6
VA [Virginia] Pastors School Lecture, 1981	box 1: 1	folder 7
Dieter T. Hessel Lectionary Article, 1982	box 1: 1	folder 8
WCC [World Council of Churches] Faith and Order Project, 1981	box 1: 2	folder 9

Riverside Church Lenten Series, 1981	box 1: 2	folder 10
United Women Methodist Assembly, 1982	box 1: 2	folder 11
Auburn Theological Seminary, 1982	box 1: 2	folder 12
30th Annual Assembly Board of the Laity, 1982	box 1: 2	folder 13
Gordon – Conwell Theological Seminary, 1982	box 1: 2	folder 14
Syracuse United Methodist Church, 1983	box 1: 2	folder 15
AAR [American Academy of Religion] Respondent, 1984	box 1: 2	folder 16
Trinity Institute Talk, 1985	box 1: 2	folder 17
Englewood NJ, St. Paul's, Lecture on Sexuality in Theological Perspective, 1987	box 1: 2	folder 18
Clippings, 1989 -- 2001	box 1: 2	folder 19
Episcopal Consultation, Chicago, 1989	box 1: 2	folder 20
New York Times, Letter to the Editor - Truth and Theology, 2001	box 1: 3	folder 21
Articles by Christopher Morse, 1967 -- 2003	box 1: 3	folder 22
Papers, Bibliographies and sample tests by others, 1968 -- 2007	box 1: 3	folder 23-26

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## Series 2: Publications, 1981 -- 2012

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

### Arrangement

This series is arranged in original order.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains publications and includes galleys, notes, research materials, and critiques of works by Morse as well as contributory materials to these works including drafts and research initiatives. Also included in this series is work published by other authors, some for which Dr. Morse provided critiques.

Title/Description	Instances	
Barth Paper Dialog, 1981	box 2: 1	folder 1
Handbook of Christian Theologians, Jürgen Moltmann, Martin Marty, 1984	box 2: 1	folder 2

Chapters 1-5, untitled, "Heaven", circa 2009	box 2: 1	folder 3
'The Difference that Heaven Makes', [Xeroxed Galley], 2010	box 2: 1	folder 4
Final page proofs – Not Every Spirit, 1993	box 2: 1	folder 5
Diskette case 1 and 2 – Not Every Spirit', 1993	box 2: 2	folder 6
Diskette cases 3 and 4 – Not Every Spirit, Diskette case 4 Backup, 1993	box 2: 2	folder 7
Galleys and offprints – Ajayi, Carse and farewell address, 1995 -- 1998	box 2: 2	folder 8
Dagmar Pöppen, Normen und Aufbrüche- Dedication to Morse, 2011	box 2: 3	folder 9
Peter Tudvad, Stadier På Antisemitismens Vej- Dedication to Morse, 2011	box 2: 3	folder 10
Academic papers by Gerhard Sauter and Journals, 1994 -- 2001	box 2: 3	folder 11
Manuscript by Ian A. McFarland, 1998	box 2: 3	folder 12

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### Series 3: Union Theological Seminary, Administrative, 1960 -- 2012

Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet 1.25 linear feet; 2 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in original order.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains material related to Morse's activities at UTS, including accreditation notes, matriculation records, letters of reference, annual reports, exchange program notes, as well as UTS lecture series notes and papers related to the Bonhoeffer professorship.

Title/Description	Instances	
UTS Morning Lectures - 'Grace in Barth's World and Ours', 1980	box 3: 1	folder 1
UTS Morning Lectures – 'Calvin', 1986	box 3: 1	folder 2
Matriculation exam, 1987	box 3: 1	folder 3
Inaugural lecture, 1994	box 3: 1	folder 4



Urgent writing deadlines and speaking commitments, 1998 -- 2000	box 3: 1	folder 5
Annual Reports UTS- personal, 1980 -- 2012	box 3: 1	folder 6
Appointment review, 1993	box 3: 1	folder 7
Bonhoeffer exchange program and Society newsletters, 1998 -- 2004	box 3: 1	folder 8
Bonhoeffer Chair Reports, 1994 -- 2012	box 3: 1	folder 9
Tenure Review, 1974 -- 1984	box 3: 1	folder 10
UTS Related Materials, 1960 -- 2006	box 3: 1	folder 11
Letters of reference, 1978 -- 1999	box 3: 2	

Conditions Governing Access:**Conditions Governing Access**

This file is subject to FERPA restrictions until 2079.

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**Series 4: Correspondence, 1979 -- 1994**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box

Conditions Governing Access:**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in original order.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains correspondence related to the establishment of the Bonhoeffer Memorial Chair and other events, including church bulletins and wedding services.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Gerhard Sauter, 1979 -- 1980	box 4: 1	folder 1
Bonhoeffer Professorship Inaugural- congratulatory, 1994	box 4: 1	folder 2-4
AAR [American Academy of Religion], 1983 -- 1984	box 4: 1	folder 5
Loose Correspondence, 1993	box 4: 1	folder 6

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**Series 5: Subject files, 1967 -- 2006**

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in original order.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains specialized subject files and includes papers and correspondence with the topics of prison ministry, feminism and theology, Peter Heltzel, Barth, G. Sauter, Outka and additionally a 'Faith and order project;' these are topics of interest coextensive with Dr. Morse's scholarship but distinct enough to identify as subjects of interest of their own.

Title/Description	Instances	
Outka – 'J. ellul's Ethics' et al, 1984 -- 2000	box 5: 1	folder 1
Liturgies and church bulletins, 1978 -- 2004	box 5: 1	folder 2-3
United Methodist Doctrine, 1985	box 5: 1	folder 4
Prison Ministry, 1999 -- 2004	box 5: 1	folder 5
Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, 1984 -- 2006	box 5: 2	folder 6-7
Peter Heltzel, 2002 -- 2004	box 5: 2	folder 8
Feminist theology issues, 1989 -- 1993	box 5: 2	folder 9
Drayton Lectures, 1988	box 5: 2	folder 10
Barth Centenary (Stony Point), 1986	box 5: 3	folder 11
Gerhard Sauter articles, 1967 -- 1992	box 5: 3	folder 12
Loose documents, 1994	box 5: 3	folder 13
Diskettes – ST104 evaluations, circa 1990 -- 1999	box 5: 3	folder 14

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**Series 6: Audiovisual materials, 1982 -- 1996**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box

Physical Description: 15 audiocassettes

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in original order.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains audio cassettes created by Dr. Morse that contain recordings of lectures, radio interviews and liturgical related materials.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
God's Promise as Presence, Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
VP81-1 Lecture I, Dr. Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
VP81-1 Lecture II, Dr. Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
VP81-1 Lecture III, Dr. Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
VP81-1 Lecture IV, Dr. Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
VP81-1 Lecture V, Dr. Christopher Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
ST341, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
Chris Morse, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1
WOR Radio Interview, 1986-05-18	box 6: 1
Side 1, St Mark's Christmas Eve, 1982	box 6: 1
Dr. Christopher Morse, Respondent to Van Buren, 1989-10-13	box 6: 1
Anglican Summer School, Perth, Christopher Morse - 1st Address, "Not Every Spirit: The Role of Disbelief in Christian Faith", 1989-01	box 6: 1
Anglican Summer School, Perth, Christine Nystrom - 1st Address, "Media and Social Change", 1989-01	box 6: 1
Anglican Summer School, Perth, Christine Nystrom - 3rd Address, "Alternate Narratives", 1989-01	box 6: 1
Ch. IV, circa 1989 -- 1996	box 6: 1

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