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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Boys, Mary C.  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Mary C. Boys papers  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | 5546817  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1973 -- 2001   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 2.75 linear feet 2.75 linear feet; 7 boxes   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Mary C. Boys, a Roman Catholic, was the Skinner and McAlpin Professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York. The collection contains material relating to her activities in the Practical Field Program of Union Theological Seminary; material from the Catholic-Jewish Colloquium; and manuscripts of articles and her book, <i>Has God Only One Blessing?: Judaism as a Source of Christian Self Understanding</i> (Paulist Press, 2000). |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Mary C. Boys was born on November 4, 1947 in Seattle, Washington. Boys received her B.A. in 1969 from Fort Wright College in Spokane, Washington. From 1969 to 1974, she taught at Holy Names Academy in Spokane, Washington, teaching courses in religion and English and serving as the dean of students and chair of the Religion Department. In 1975 she received an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University and in 1978 graduated with an Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University, conferred jointly with Union Theological Seminary. Her academic career began at Boston College in 1977, where she taught theology and religious education. In 1994, Boys began teaching at Union Theological Seminary as the Skinner

and McAlpin Professor of Practical Theology. Boys has also taught as a visiting lecturer at numerous colleges, universities and seminaries, and given workshops and lectures throughout the United States, as well as Europe. In 1990 and 1997, she took part in lecture tours of Australia. In addition to her extensive speaking schedule, Boys also served as a consultant for numerous educational institutions. Boys is a member of professional organizations, including the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (APRRE), where she was past president (1994-95). She is also a board member of organizations including the Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum Foundation, and the Association for Religion and the Intellectual Life. Her research interests include the intersection of biblical study and pedagogy and the educational implications of Jewish-Christian dialogue. She is the author of four books, including *Has God only One Blessing?* (1999), *Jewish-Christian Dialogue: One Woman's Experience* (1997), *Educating in Faith: Maps and Visions* (1993) and *Biblical Interpretation in Religious Education* (1980). Boys is editor of two books: *Education for Citizenship and Discipleship* (1989) and *Ministry and Education in Conversation* (1981). Boys also contributed chapters to twelve different books and wrote over fifty journal articles, in addition to numerous book reviews. Boys, a Roman Catholic, has been a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (in the province of Washington State) for over 30 years, taking her profession of vows in 1968.

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### Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description, including rearrangement of series, updated by Leah Edelman. 2021-10-28

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1-7. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mary C. Boys donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 2001.

### Processing Information

An attempt was made to maintain the original order, by format, that Boys imposed throughout the course of her career. Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Leslie Reyman in 2001, revised by Elizabeth Russey in 2003, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Boys, Mary C. -- : Archives
- Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.) -- : Archives -- : Faculty

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## Burke Library record group:

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Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship (AWTS)

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| Title/Description  | Instances |
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| Practical Field Education Program – Union Theological Seminary, 1994 -- 1997 | box 1     |

**Scope and Contents**

Budget, curriculum, minutes.

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Articles, circa 1973 -- 1976

box 2

**Scope and Contents**

Articles, published: "I Want to Be a Priest" [1976], "Supervision in Religious Education" [1976]; Articles, unpublished: Seminary course papers [1973-1976 and undated]

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Books: Has God Only One Blessing? , circa 1998 -- 2000

box 2

**Scope and Contents**

Book Proposal [n.d.], Correspondence [1998 and undated] Notes [n.d.], Drafts [1998-1999 and undated]; Paulist Press draft [2000]

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Books: Has God Only One Blessing?, circa 1998 -- 2000

box 3

**Scope and Contents**

Book Proposal [n.d.], Correspondence [1998 and undated] Notes [n.d.], Drafts [1998-1999 and undated]; Paulist Press draft [2000]

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Books: Has God Only One Blessing?, circa 1998 -- 2000

box 4

**Scope and Contents**

Book Proposal [n.d.], Correspondence [1998 and undated] Notes [n.d.], Drafts [1998-1999 and undated]; Paulist Press draft [2000]

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Books: Has God Only One Blessing?, circa 1998 -- 2000

box 5

**Scope and Contents**

Book Proposal [n.d.], Correspondence [1998 and undated] Notes [n.d.], Drafts [1998-1999 and undated]; Paulist Press draft [2000]

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Lectures, 2001

box 5

**Scope and Contents**

"The Covenant and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue" [2001]; "Educating Christians So That Even Strangers Become Our Neighbors" [2001]

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Conferences, circa 1992 -- 1997

box 6

**Scope and Contents**

Catholic-Jewish Colloquium: I-VI [1993-1995], Correspondence [1994 and undated], Evaluations

[1994 and undated], Journal of Religious Education  
[1996], Lilly Foundation Grant Budget [1993-1994],  
Lilly Foundation Grant Correspondence [1992-1997],  
Lilly Foundation Grant Program Reports [1993-1996],  
Lilly Foundation Grant Project Proposal [n.d.],  
Participant journals [n.d.], Publicity [1993],  
Transcripts [1993 and undated]; Educating for  
Religious Dialogue (Auburn Theological Seminary)  
[1995 and undated]

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Conferences, circa 1992 -- 1997

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**Scope and Contents**

Catholic-Jewish Colloquium: I-VI [1993-1995],  
Correspondence [1994 and undated], Evaluations  
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