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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary |
| Creator: | Council for Clinical Training |
| Title: | Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students records |
| ID: | 6351504 |
| Date [inclusive]: | circa 1923 -- 1949 |
| Physical Description: | 1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 4 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English . |
| Abstract: | The Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students (CCTTS) was founded in 1925 by Anton T. Boisen. In later years, Dr. Helen Flanders Dunbar became the organization's Medical Director and Henry Pitney Van Dusen became a member of the CCTTS board of governors. The records reflect the development of the concept for CCTTS from Anton Boisen's initial proposal through the project's early activities in lively "Hospital Pictorials" to more formal administrative documents of the incorporated organization and the spread of the program to other hospitals and areas. The collection also contains some typescript writings by Anton Boisen and CCTTS board correspondence from Henry Pitney Van Dusen. |

Preferred Citation

Item description, Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students records, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

CCTTS was founded in 1925 under the direction of Anton T Boisen, a former instructor in Romance languages, forester, graduate of Union Theological Seminary in 1911 and ordained Presbyterian Congregationalist minister. Boisen became director of the chaplain's department

at Worcester State Hospital, Massachusetts, and a faculty member of Chicago Theological Seminary. He devised and operated a program for theological students to spend a month at the Worcester State Hospital, Massachusetts, in order to obtain clinical experience in dealing with 'maladies of the personality' as a preparation for parish work. CCTTS became an incorporated organization in 1930 and Dr. Helen Flanders Dunbar, also a Union graduate, with a Columbia University Medical degree was participant in the first summer session of CCTTS and became Medical Director of the organization. Boisen moved in 1932 to Elgin Hospital in Illinois and spent the rest of his long life there, constantly nurturing the program and the Council which he had devised. The initial program continued to develop to include a range of hospitals and theological seminaries by 1940. In 1932 Henry Pitney Van Dusen, at that time associate professor at UTS, became a member of the CCTTS board of governors and his involvement lasted for more than 15 years. Later known as the Council for Clinical Training, Inc. this organization is one of the four antecedent bodies which merged to form the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education in 1967.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records reflecting the development of the concept for CCTTS from Anton Boisen's initial proposal through the project's early activities in lively "Hospital Pictorials," to more formal administrative documents of the incorporated organization and the spread of the program to other hospitals and areas. Boisen illustrated a number of his reports with small black and white photographs. The collection also contains some typescript writings by Anton Boisen and CCTTS board correspondence from Henry Pitney Van Dusen, records for the project in Massachusetts and the expansion to Elgin, Illinois and other areas, conference records and some administrative records of the Council, as well as a number of the shorter written items by Boisen in typescript from the 1930s and his first course notes for the use of CCTTS training centers, 1946. Additionally, the collection contains the correspondence and supporting documents of Henry Pitney Van Dusen as secretary, theological consultant, and later Board Chairman of CCTTS. The correspondence consists of letters received and carbon copies of replies from Van Dusen. These letters cover issues relating to CCTTS planning and development, including the Phil Guiles' schism. Correspondents include: H. P. Van Dusen, H. Flanders Dunbar, R.E. Brinkman, F.L. Babbott, R.H.P Brown, S. G. Cole, A. A. Dicks, A. Dun, E. G. Dyett, R.A.Felton , A.P. Guiles, T.L. Harris, S. Hiltner, Mrs. J S Hoyt, F.C. Kuether, N. Nash, J.A. Purdie, O. Rice, E.H. Roberts, R. Searl, L.J. Sherrill, C.J Symington, A Weigle, C.T. White, C.A. Wise. Occasional Board and promotional documents are also included with related correspondence.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two roughly chronological series: Series 1. Administrative records; and Series 2. H.P. Van Dusen's CCTTS records.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2023-04-04

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The exact provenance of this collection is unknown; however, it may be surmised that both Anton Boisen and Helen Flanders Dunbar, as UTS Alumni, separately gave documents to the Burke Library. The Van Dusen correspondence on this topic was transferred to this collection from Union Seminary's administrative files in 2007.

Processing Information

Any deteriorating metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Original brass split pins have been retained. 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. The finding aid was created by Ruth Tonkiss Cameron in 2007, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2023.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Boisen, Anton T (Anton Theophilus), 1876-1965
- Dunbar, Helen Flanders, 1902-1959
- Council for Clinical Training -- : Archives
- Van Dusen, Henry P (Henry Pitney), 1897-1975

Burke Library record group:

General collections

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative records, circa 1923 -- 1948

Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet 1.25 linear feet; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains records reflecting the development of the concept for CCTTS from Anton Boisen's initial proposal through the project's early activities in lively "Hospital Pictorials," to more formal administrative documents of the incorporated organization and the spread of the program to other hospitals and areas. Boisen illustrated a number of his reports with small black and white photographs. The collection also contains some typescript writings by Anton Boisen and CCTTS board correspondence from Henry Pitney Van Dusen, records for the project in Massachusetts and the expansion to Elgin, Illinois and other areas, conference records and some administrative records of the Council, as well as a number of the shorter written items by Boisen in typescript from the 1930s and his first course notes for the use of CCTTS training centers, 1946.

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| Project for Study of Certain Types of Mental Disorder from Religious Standpoint-Proposal A.T. Boisen to Galen Fisher Transcribed Letters of Support, circa 1923 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| Project for Study of Certain Types of Mental Disorder from Religious Standpoint, A.T. Boisen, circa 1923 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Project for Study of Mental Disorders as a Basis for Program of Moral and Religious Re-Education, [Worcester Hospital Proposal], circa 1925 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Clinical Experience for Theological Students, Worcester State Hospital, and Photos Dedicated to Helen Flanders Dunbar, Christmas , 1928 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Hospital Pictorial-Worcester State Hospital-Text and Photos, 1928 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Medicine-Collection of Papers by A. T Boisen, 1926 -- 1928 | box 1 | folder 6 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Clinical Year for Theological Students with Photos, 1927 Worcester State Hospital Pictorial with Photos, 1928 Worcester State Hospital Pictorial with Photos, 1926 Some Suggestions as to Future General Policy of Chicago Theological Seminary, [1926?] | | |
| Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students-Incorporation Document, 1930-01-21 | box 1 | folder 7 |
| Advertisement Poster, 1930 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| Selected Records File-Minutes, By-Laws, Annual Reports, Photos and List of Students, Conference Reports, 1930 -- 1933 | box 1 | folder 9 |
| Facts About CCTTS-Leaflet, 1931 | box 1 | folder 10 |
| First Annual Report-Text and Photos, 1930-09-29 | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Annual Reports, 1931 -- 1937 | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Project for Clinical Training of Theological Students, Revised, 1932-04-25 | box 1 | folder 13 |

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| New Opportunity in Theological Education by H. Flanders Dunbar: Description of Policy and Program of CCTTS, Revised, 1933 | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Student Application Forms , circa 1933 | box 1 | folder 15 |
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| 3rd Annual Conference (8th Year), Worcester State Hospital, 1932 | box 1 | folder 17 |
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| Program; Annual Reports-Text and Photos, Sept 2-3, 1932 Student's Report on Work at Norfolk Prison Colony, by Leon R. Robison Jun- Aug 1932 | | |
| 4th Annual Conference, 1933 | box 1 | folder 18 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Reports of Conference and Activities, Summer 1933 List of Students to Mar 14, 1933 | | |
| 5th Annual Conference, 1934 | box 1 | folder 19-20 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Program, Annual Reports, New Opportunity in Theological Education, by H. Flanders Dunbar: Description of Policy and Program of CCTTS, Revised 1934 Papers | | |
| 6th Annual Conference, 1935 | box 1 | folder 21 |
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| Program; Summarized Report of Conference By Rev Seward Hiltner Paper by Robert H Beaven | | |
| Council Chatter, vol. 4 (1-2), 1936 | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Mental Hygiene and Christianity Conference, Happy Valley, 1936 Invitation and Report of 1935 Conference, 1935 -- 1936 | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Memoranda and Reports re Growth and Development, 1935 -- 1936 | box 2 | folder 3 |
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| Paper from 6th Conference by S Harbach | | |
| 7th Annual Conference Program and Invitation, 1936 | box 2 | folder 4 |
| Theological Supervisors' Conference Agenda, Minutes, 1936 | box 2 | folder 5 |
| 8th Annual Conference Invitation and Program, correspondence, 1936 -- 1937 | box 2 | folder 6 |

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Correspondence-S. Hiltner to Council Alumni, Sept 13, 1936

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| 9th Annual Conference Annual Report, 1938 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| Articles on CCTTS Reprinted from Social Welfare, 1939 | box 2 | folder 8 |
| Tables and Statistics from Annual Reports, 1933 -- 1940 | box 2 | folder 9 |
| Students in Training text and photos, 1945 | box 2 | folder 10 |
| Misc. material, 1932 -- 1933 | box 2 | folder 11 |

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State Hospital, Howard, RI-Report for Summer 1932, by Alexander D. Dodd Massachusetts General Hospital-Report of Summer's Experience with Theological Students, 1933 Schedule of Exercises for Students, 1933

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| Clinical Training-Pennsylvania Hospital/Philadelphia Div. School, 1936 -- 1938 | box 2 | folder 12 |
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Proposal, Reports, Proposed Clinical Training Program, Promotional Information

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| City Home and Hospital, Mayview PA-Report of Theological Supervisor, 1933 | box 2 | folder 13 |
| Hospital Pictorials-Elgin State Hospital, Ill, Text and Photos, 1932 -- 1933 | box 2 | folder 14-15 |
| 1st Annual Report-Chicago Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students, 1933 | box 2 | folder 16 |
| Experiment in Theological Education, by AT Boisen Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago area-Text and Photos, Revised , 1934 | box 2 | folder 17 |
| Students' Manual, Elgin State Hospital, 1925 | box 2 | folder 18 |
| Experiment in Theological Education, by A T Boisen Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago Area, Revised 1936 Elgin State Hospital Pictorial, Text and Photos, 1936 | box 2 | folder 19 |
| Adventure in Theological Education and Pastoral Service-Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago area, Text and Photos, 1937 | box 2 | folder 20 |
| John Bunyan Among the Doctors, by A T Boisen, circa 1929 | box 2 | folder 21 |
| Social Case Histories, by A T Boisen, 1925 -- 1928 | box 2 | folder 22 |

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| Schizophrenia and Religious Experience, by A T Boisen, Elgin Hospital, circa 1930 -- 1939 | box 2 | folder 23 |
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| Experiment in Jonesville, A T Boisen-Survey Report with Photos, circa 1930 -- 1939 | box 2 | folder 25 |
| Address-Fidelity and Vision, by A T Boisen, 100th anniversary of United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Ind, 1933-09-22 | box 2 | folder 26 |
| Religious Factors in Dementia Praecox, A T Boisen, circa 1932 | box 2 | folder 27 |
| What Did Jesus Think of Himself? by A. T. Boisen, circa 1930 -- 1939 | box 3 | folder 1 |
| Religion and Mental Health: Collected Papers by A. T. Boisen, Chicago Theological Seminary [Course Texts], 1938 | box 3 | folder 2 |
| Problems in Religion and Life-Manual for Pastors, A. T. Boisen, 1939-02-06 | box 3 | folder 3 |
| Types of Mental Illness-Beginning Course for Use of CCTTS Training Centers, by A. T. Boisen-- part 1: Outlines and Records, 1946 | box 3 | folder 4 |
| Types of Mental Illness- part 2: Sequels and Comments, 1946 | box 3 | folder 5 |
| Five Year Training Program in Group and Personal Counselling in Church, Columbus OH, 1948 | box 3 | folder 6 |

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Series 2: H.P. Van Dusen's CCTTS records, 1929 -- 1949

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Scope and Contents

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| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Promotional material, circa 1929 -- 1936 | box 4 | folder 1 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Advertisement Poster, 1929 CCTTS Promotional, [1936?] | | |
| Correspondence, 1932 -- 1933 | box 4 | folder 2 |
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| Dec 1932-May 1933- H.P. Van Dusen, H. Flanders Dunbar, L.A Weigle, T.L. Harri | | |
| CCTTS Council Minute Book No. 2, 1933 | box 4 | folder 3 |
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| Correspondence, Feb-Jul 1936 CCTTS Promotional, [1936?] 7 th Conference Program, 1936 | | |
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| New Opportunity in Theological Education, Revised 1935 Offprint Articles, CCTTS Promotional, [1936?] | | |
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