

Paul Beckett papers, 1945-1984

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Beckett, Paul Louis, 1913-
Title	Paul Beckett papers
Dates	1945-1984 (inclusive) 1945 1984
Quantity	4.0 linear feet of shelf space, (8 containers and 1 oversize folder)
Collection Number	Cage 856 (collection)
Summary	The Paul Beckett Papers consists of materials collected by Paul Beckett on political science associations of which he was a member, Washington state legislation, and his trip to Pakistan in 1957. This collection includes newspaper articles, essays, correspondence, reports, and personal notes from his time at Washington State University and during his time in Pakistan and Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) as the public administration consultant to the planning board of the Pakistani government, which at that time included East Pakistan.
Repository	Washington State University Libraries, Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections. Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections Terrell Library Suite 12 Pullman WA 99164-5610 Telephone: 509-335-6691 mascref@wsu.edu
Access Restrictions	This collection is open and available for research use.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Paul Louis Beckett was born October 18, 1913 in Warren County, Illinois. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935 at Monmouth College, his Masters of Arts at the University of Illinois in 1938, and his PhD at the University of California Los Angeles in 1949. Beckett was a professor of Political Science at Washington State University from 1947 to 1977.

During the early 1940s Beckett was employed in municipal government in Los Angeles and also worked in a war-time administrative agency in Washington, D.C. From 1945 to 1947 he was a member of the faculty at the University of New Mexico, and in 1947 he joined the Political Science faculty of Washington State College. His field of special expertise was municipal government. His interests and research also included the politics of organization and reorganization, individual and group behavior in organizations, decision making, leadership and authority, communication, and how to ensure administrative responsiveness and responsibility.

During the 1950s, Beckett actively participated in the establishment of municipal governments while teaching at the American University in Beirut. In 1952, Beckett, his wife, and their two young children traveled to Beirut, where he established the Department of Political Science at the American

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University and taught the history and fundamentals of municipal government. After returning from Beirut, Beckett served as chair of the Department of Political Science for eight years. In 1957 he was a public administration consultant to the planning board of the Pakistani government, which at that time encompassed East Pakistan, which was later known as Bangladesh.

In addition to his teaching and administrative activities, Beckett was also an active member of the American Political Science Association, the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, The American Association of University Professors, and the American Society for Public Administration.

Content Description

The Paul Beckett Papers consist of materials documenting Beckett's career as a professor of political science. It contains drafts of Beckett's publications on government, files on conferences and professional organizations in which Beckett was an active member, and several files from Beckett's trip to Pakistan to advise on the formation of the newly established Islamic state of Pakistan. His papers on professional organizations include correspondence and reports from the Committee on State Government Organization and planning documents on the annual Public Affairs Conference. Beckett's manuscripts and research notes include work on articles and chapters about governance and an article about resource management. His files on Pakistan revolve around a Ford Foundation project in the 1950s. They include reports, notes, and supporting government documents published by the Pakistani government.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

This collection has been organized into three series: Conferences and organizations, Research notes, and Pakistani government.

Series 1: Conferences and organizations, 1945-1977. This series consists of reports, correspondence, and notes created from Beckett's involvement with professional organizations such as the American Political Science Organization. Many files in this series were created from Beckett's involvement with the annual Public Affairs Conference from 1948-1950 and the Committee on State Government Organization.

Series 2: Research notes, 1952-1984. This series consists of manuscripts, correspondence, and notes for Beckett's publications. These include articles and book chapters by Beckett on the Constitution, Washington state government, and resource management.

Series 3: Pakistani government, 1956-1957. This series consists of essay, reports, personal notes, and publications collected by Beckett during his time as a public administration consultant to the planning board of the Pakistani government. Materials labeled as "East Pakistan" pertain to modern day Bangladesh, but has kept its original label as East Pakistan.

Acquisition Information

The Paul Beckett Papers was transferred Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections from the Washington State University Libraries Humanities and Social Sciences unit in 2001 (MS.2001.02).

Processing Note

The collection was processed by Brianna Webb, and supervised by Steven Bingo 2016.

Related Materials

Paul Beckett Papers 1939-1989 (Cage 559). <http://ntserver1.wsulibs.wsu.edu/masc/finders/cg559.htm>

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Conferences and organizations, 1945-1977

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	American Political Science Association	1968-1970
1	2	American University of Beirut	1951-1953
1	3	Committee on Committees, Washington State University	1970-1971
1	4	Committee on State Government Organization correspondence	1954-1955
1	5	Committee on State Government Organization, personnel	1952-1954
1	6	Committee on State Government Organization radio talks	1955
1	7	Committee on State Government Organization reports	1953-1956

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	8	Committee on State Government Organization tax administration	1954-1955
1	9	Comparative Administration Group--American Society for Public Administration	1966-1971
1	10	Comparative Administration Project	1953-1954
1	11	Comparative Public Administration	1953
2	12	Compton Administration	1945-1950
2	13	Public Affairs Conference	1949
2	14	Public Affairs Conference of 1948	1948
2	15	Public Affairs Conference of 1949	1949
2	16	Public Affairs Conference, 1949	1949
2	17	Public Affairs Conference of 1950	1950-1951
2	18	Public Affairs Conference of 1950 correspondence	1950-1951
2	19	Public Affairs Conference of 1950 finance and miscellaneous	1950
3	20-21	Symposium on Water Resources Management	1975-1977
3	22	The Western Political Science Association	1970-1972

Series 2: Research notes, 1952-1984

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
3	23	Amendments data	1977
3	24	"Bureaucracy and Democracy"	1952
3	25	"Chapter II: The Constitutional Framework"	1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3 26	"Chapter II. The Constitutional Framework"	1983
3 27	Correspondence	1980-1981
3 28	Division of Governmental Studies	1963-1965
4 29	From Wilderness to Enabling Act notes	1967-1969
4 30	From Wilderness to Enabling Act publishing contract and notes	1969-1973
4 31	From Wilderness to Enabling Act reviews	1972-1977
4 32	"Federal Water Resources Management: The Administrative Setting" by Helen Ingram and J.R. McCain	undated
4 33	Claudius and Mary Johnson correspondence	1952-1957
4 34	"Legal Aspects of Water Resource Management" by Dallin W. Jensen	1976
4 35	List of United States bills	undated
4 36	"A Memory of an Ordinary Man" by Claudius O. Johnson	1962
4 37	Miscellaneous correspondence	1954-1980
5	Notecards on legislation and articles	undated
4 38	"Washington State's Lawmakers" by Paul Beckett and Celeste Sunderland	undated
4 39	"Negotiating Instream Flows" by Mary Ray White	1979
4 40	Washington State Politics and government book correspondence and notes	1976-1984
4 41	"Who's Who" biographical info	1956-1964

Series 3: Pakistani government, 1956-1957

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
4	42	Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	1956
6	43	East Pakistan departmental development	1957
6	44	East Pakistan trip	1957
6	45	A Few Concluding Comments on Public Administration and Development in Pakistan	1957
6	46	Final summary report	1957
6	47	First trip to West Pakistan	1957
6	48	First paper on Village-AID	1957
6	49	Government of Pakistan planning board	1956-1957
6	50	Government of West Pakistan reports	1955-1957
6	51	Habibuddin correspondence	1968
6	52	Harvard Pakistan project	1956-1957
6	53	Improvement of Public Administration in Pakistan	1957
6	54	Interview notes	1957
6	55	Keywords and phrases	undated
6	56	Letter to Mr. Leek	1957
6	57	Notes on East Pakistan	1957
7	58	Organization planning and procedures	1957
Map Drawer		Oversize	undated
7	59	Pakistan notes	1957

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7 60	Pakistan trip notes	1957
7 61	Planning and Development Organization	1957
7 62	Planning Board reports	1957
7 63	Planning organization East Pakistan	1956-1957
7 64	Planning organization in East Pakistan	1957
7 65	Planning organization West Pakistan	1957
7 66	Proposal edits	1957
7 67	Provincial Progress Reporting Organization	1957
7 68	Public Administration and Implementation	1957
7 69	"Public Administration in India" by Paul H Appleby	1953
7 70	Reorientation of Pakistan Government for National Development by Bernard L. Gladioux	1955
8 71	Report of the Council for Administration of West Pakistan	1955
8 72	Report of the Committee to Study Experience of the Harvard-Pakistan Planning Commission Project	1962
8 73	Report of the Federal Reorganization Committee	1956
8 74	Report on Pakistan Visit	1958
8 75	Egger Rowland, "The Improvement of Public Administration in Pakistan"	1953
8 76	"Rural Housing and Settlements in Pakistan" by Grenfell Rudduck	1957
8 77	Second trip to East Pakistan	1957
8 78	Travel plans	1957

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 79	Village-Aid	1956-1957
8 80	Village-Aid Ministration: A Few Tentative Observations	1957

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Pakistan -- History.

Political science -- Study and teaching.

Personal Names :

Beckett, Paul Louis, 1913- -- Archives.

Corporate Names :

Washington State University -- Faculty -- Archives.

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